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RUFFIANISM IN THE HOUSE

A DISGRACEFUL ROW ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE.

MR. SPARKS, OF ILLINOIS, SHAKES HIS FIST IN MR. CLYMER'S FACE AND TELLS HIM THAT HE LIES—PEACE-MAKERS INTERFERE AND THE DISPUTE IS AMICABLY SETTLED.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—One of those disgraceful scenes which have become periodical in the House of Representatives occurred to-day during the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill. The principal actor was Mr. Sparks, Democrat, from the Sixteenth Illinois District, who is Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. By direction of his committee, Mr. Sparks offered to the Appropriation bill an amendment to regulate the manner of appointing contract surgeons. There was decided opposition to the amendment, and when the vote was taken there was considerable noise and confusion in the House. The amendment was decided carried, but a recount was demanded by tellers, when the amendment was rejected. Mr. Sparks, who is one of those men who experience great difficulty in controlling their temper upon all occasions, became angry at the defeat of his proposition, and got into an unnecessary altercation with Mr. Clymer, of Pennsylvania, who has charge of the Army bill, and who resisted the passage of Mr. Sparks's amendment. The last-named gentleman wanted Mr. Clymer to permit a vote to be taken on the amendment when the bill is reported to the House from the Committee of the Whole, where it is now being considered, but Mr. Clymer very properly declined. In fact, a proposition rejected in the Committee of the Whole cannot be voted upon in the House except by unanimous consent.

Becoming weary of the continuance of the meaningless contest over a rejected proposition, members on both sides shouted for the regular order, and as Mr. Sparks persisted in talking, the clamor and confusion increased until an uproar prevailed. This increased the irritation of Mr. Sparks, and his bellowings could be heard above the chorus of those who were shouting "regular order." Mr. Sparks was heard to say that Mr. Clymer had agreed to permit a vote on the amendment in the House, but that he had withdrawn his assent because of the bull-dozing of those who opposed the proposition. To this Mr. Clymer, when the confusion had somewhat subsided, replied that he had received no request from the Committee on Military Affairs, or any member of that committee, to allow a vote in the House on the amendment. Mr. Sparks at once excitedly rushed toward Mr. Clymer, wildly gesticulating, and exclaiming in his loudest tones, "Does the gentleman from Pennsylvania insinuate that this does not come from the Committee on Military Affairs? If he does, he lies. That is all there is about it." When the last sentence was uttered, Mr. Sparks was standing within an arm's length of Mr. Clymer with his clinched hand in close proximity to the gentleman's face. Members crowded forward, shouted for order, and the gavel of the Chairman pounding the desk increased, rather than diminished, the prevailing disorder. Mr. Sparks repeated the offensive words two or three times. Mr. Clymer remained standing quietly in his place, and in reply to Mr. Sparks's exhibition of blackguardism simply said: "You cannot insult me," laying strong emphasis on the word "you."

While the excitement was at its height, Mr. Conger succeeded in making himself heard, and demanded that the words uttered by Sparks be taken down and read from the Clerk's desk. This demand brought the House into a condition of comparative order. A desultory discussion followed as to the authority of the Committee of the Whole to act upon the question at issue, during which several members on the Democratic side suggested that Mr. Sparks be allowed to explain his remarks, the purpose being to have the difficulty amicably adjusted. The committee, having no power to act, objection was made to the suggestion, and the committee rose and reported the offensive words to the House. Mr. Sparks was then allowed to explain. He said he understood Mr. Clymer to say that he [Sparks] had no authority from the Military Committee for pushing the contract surgeon amendment, and that he was attempting to deceive the House. If he misunderstood the gentleman from Pennsylvania he would apologize to the House, apologize to him for the offensive utterance, and would withdraw the words complained of. But if he understood that gentleman correctly, then his words applied, and no power on earth could make him withdraw them. Mr. Clymer said the gentleman from Illinois did misunderstand. He did not say or insinuate that Mr. Sparks was acting without authority from his committee, but simply said that he had received no request from the committee. Thereupon Mr. Clymer expressed himself satisfied with Mr. Sparks's apology, and everything was supposed to have been amicably arranged, when Mr. Conger arose and said it was the duty of the Speaker to rule on the offensive words. Mr. Atkins and other Democrats thought Mr. Conger should be satisfied if the two principals were, but Mr. Conger and some others were not satisfied. The offense was not only committed against the gentleman from Pennsylvania, but against the rules and dignity of the House, and while an apology had been made to the gentleman assailed, no apology had been made to the House; nor were the offensive words withdrawn. The friends of Mr. Sparks crowded around him, urging an absolute withdrawal of the offensive words, and while they were laboring to secure that result Mr. Russell, of North Carolina, prepared a resolution, which he offered as a question of personal privilege, and which declared that Mr. Sparks having violated the rules and privileges of the House was deserving of its censure. The introduction of this resolution caused a decided sensation on the Democratic side, and, thinking it could be summarily disposed of, Mr. Cox moved to lay it on the table, upon which Mr. Russell promptly demanded the yeas and nays. A roll-call on Mr. Cox's motion would have been equivalent to a vote on Mr. Russell's resolution, and as this was not desirable, the peace-makers again put forth their efforts with better success, and succeeded in inducing Mr. Sparks to apologize to the House, and to withdraw absolutely his offensive language. Mr. Russell thereupon withdrew his resolution, and the consideration of the Army bill was resumed.

There can be only one opinion of Mr. Sparks's conduct, namely, that it was in the highest degree reprehensible and deserved the censure of the House. His bearing toward Mr. Clymer, when uttering the insulting words, was even more exasperating than his language, and with a less cool and dignified gentleman than Mr. Clymer would have resulted in blows. Members guilty of such disreputable blackguardism as was exhibited to-day by Mr. Sparks should be formally arraigned before the bar of the House and punished, and unless this course be adopted in future, there is danger that such scenes as are witnessed in and about the prize ring will be enacted on the floor of the House of Representatives.

THE RIDER ON THE ARMY BILL.

ANOTHER LONG POLITICAL DEBATE SUSPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE HOUSE TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Army bill, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations, was completed to-day in the Committee of the Whole House without material amendment. An amendment proposed by Mr. White was adopted, which provides that retired officers may be detailed upon application to act as superintendents and instructors of State colleges having at least 150 pupils, and while so acting may accept from the college to which they are detailed the difference between the retired and active duty pay of their rank. Mr. Sparks offered as a section to the bill the clause in the bill of last year prohibiting the employment of the Army as a police force other police, pending the consideration of which the committee rose and the House adjourned. The indications are that there will be two or three days' debate on this rider. Some of the Democrats are not pleased with the introduction of Mr. Sparks's amendment, but will be forced by party discipline to vote for its adoption. The Democrats would prefer to vote upon the amendment without any discussion whatever, but the Republicans will not permit a vote without opportunity for full debate.

DISCUSSING THE INDIAN POLICY.

THE SANTEES, PONCAS, AND UTES—AN ALL-DAY DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The entire session of the Senate to-day was devoted to the Indian question. At the beginning of the morning hour, Mr. Saunders, of Nebraska, offered a resolution requiring the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire and report as to the expediency of removing the Santee Indians from his State to the old Ponca Reservation, in Dakota. Mr. Dawes is a member of the special committee which has been hearing the story of the wrongs of the Poncas, and after the resolution had been passed he moved to reconsider, and opposed it in a manner which showed how deeply his sympathies had been aroused. He told again the story of the removal of the Poncas from their ceded lands, and their transfer to the Indian Territory, where malaria and the change of climate reduced their number one half. Deprived of their property by a blunder, Congress had provided that they should be removed after their consent had been obtained, but they were driven out at the point of the bayonet into an exile as inhospitable and cruel as that of Siberia. Now, the Senator from Nebraska proposed to put another band of peaceable Indians upon the reservation from which these Poncas had been driven, while a committee were trying to decide upon the Poncas' claim to the same reservation, where their fathers had been buried.

Both the Senators from Nebraska declared that they had opposed the removal of the Poncas, but held that the Santees ought not to remain in their State. They would not attempt to remove them, however, without their consent, nor would they have them put upon the old Ponca reservation without the consent of the Poncas.

Mr. Dawes ridiculed the idea of getting the consent of the exiled Poncas, who were under guard, and whose chief had been murdered in the house of an agent. Consent in such cases meant acquiescence at the point of the bayonet.

Mr. Saunders claimed that the Santees would be benefited by the proposed removal.

Mr. Kirkwood, another member of the Ponca Committee, said that Mr. Dawes had exaggerated the wrongs of the Poncas. The country to which they had been taken could not be very unhealthy, for the whites were kept out of it only by the United States Army. He could not sympathize with those who seemed to take pleasure in representing the Government as always unjust and cruel to the Indians.

Mr. Dawes remarked that it was true that the Army must be used to keep Western people from lands which were the absolute property of the Indians, who seemed to have no rights which the people of the West felt bound to respect.

Mr. Saunders said that there was room on the old Ponca reservation for both the Poncas and the Santees.

"So there is room in your house for me," replied Mr. Dawes, "but you would not like to be compelled to give me half of it."

Mr. Allison showed how the Government, in making a settlement with the Sioux, after the great war of 1866, had disposed of the lands of the Poncas, and asserted that the Poncas had afterward been removed in answer to their own request, because of the depredations of their warlike neighbors. The Santees, in his opinion, had as good a right to stay in Nebraska as the whites, and they desired to stay and to have land allotted to them. The debate was interrupted by the expiration of the morning hour.

The report of the Santee agent in 1879 showed that these Indians had made great progress in civilization. They dress as white men do, and conduct their farms without help. They planted 1,950 acres; had abandoned their hereditary chiefs, and were quiet and orderly. There were six schools on the reservation, and the Indians greatly desired titles to the farms which they had improved. "Designing men," said the agent, "are now making strong efforts to drive the Santees west to Dakota, from their present homes, in order to get their lands." Some of these Santees went to Dakota and took homesteads because they believed they could not obtain titles on the reservation. The agent said that they desired to become law-abiding citizens, and that their farms compared favorably with those of the whites. They had two churches, were nearly all church members, and appeared to be good, honest, and sober men.

The Senate continued to discuss the Ute bill in the afternoon. Many speeches were made, and the Indian question was considered in all its bearings. A great part of the debate was on Mr. Kirkwood's amendment, which provides that the White River Utes shall not receive their money until they shall have given up those who are guilty of murder and other crimes against the Meekers. Mr. Kirkwood declared that they should be compelled to deliver those culprits, and that if they failed to do so the Army should be instructed to wipe the band from the face of the earth. Others held that there was no law authorizing their punishment after they had been delivered, and claimed that it might be impossible for the Utes to get hold of them. Mr. Whyte opposed the bill, and denounced the policy which had governed the treatment of the Indians. Mr. Beck and Mr. Burnside favored the transfer of the Indians to the care of the War Department, and Mr. Bruce, the colored Senator, read a carefully-prepared speech in favor of the humane treatment and civilization of the race, in order that their physical force might be utilized in our undeveloped country, on economic grounds.

NEGROES GOING TO SIERRA LEONE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 7.—It is believed at the Liberian Exodus Company's office in this city that the bark Azor can be made available to carry a second installment of emigrants to Sierra Leone in the coming December. The vessel is at present employed in the coastwise trade between this place and Baltimore, and the hope is indulged that her earnings during the Summer will liquidate all outstanding liabilities, which have been reduced by recent payments to $2,950. Martin R. Delaney, who ran for Lieutenant-Governor on the Independent ticket in 1874, is in charge of the office. His unfortunate experience in South Carolina politics has extinguished every spark of his former political ambition, and he seems heart and soul in this movement. It is his intention to accompany the next party of emigrants, and, said he, "if God will give me life and strength to carry my bones to the land of my forefathers it is all I desire and pray for." He stated that all the letters received from the Azor's passengers speak in high terms of the fertility of the soil, the salubrity of the climate, and the kindness of the inhabitants, who received and treated them with marked consideration. He contends that, aside from all political considerations, the white people of the South ought to encourage the movement to relieve themselves of a surplus population that may prove troublesome hereafter. Where three laborers were employed before emancipation, he claims only one is engaged now. Planters, to avoid competition, refuse to rent or sell land, consequently large numbers of agricultural laborers remain idle and become discontented. The only relief he can think of is emigration, "and where," he asks, "is a more fit place to seek new homes than in the land of their fathers and mothers, specially provided for them by nature?" It will also be a blessing in a religious sense, for, in his opinion, there are none so well suited to redeem and Christianize Africa as the American negroes. Much must be allowed for Delaney's enthusiasm on this subject, yet he presents many truths that are worthy of consideration. Some changes have been made in the fare and number of passengers; the former has been reduced to $30, and instead of 256 passengers, the number carried last time, the bark will only take 150, which, it is believed, will ensure comfort and health during the voyage. Each of the passengers will also be required to carry provisions for at least six months, sufficient money to provide necessaries to the end of the year, and, if possible, household utensils and farming and mechanical implements.

IN THE POLITICAL ARENA

AN UNFLEDGED DELEGATION FROM CONNECTICUT.

RESULTS OF THE STATE CONVENTION—AN EFFORT TO INDORSE EDMUNDS AND WASHBURNE DEFEATED—A QUIET AND HARMONIOUS MEETING—THE PREFERENCES OF THE DELEGATES CHOSEN.

NEW-HAVEN, April 7.—The Republicans of Connecticut have an exceedingly sensible and business-like way of conducting their State Conventions. On the night preceding such meetings, their custom is to hold a caucus at which a Committee on Credentials is appointed. This committee makes up the roll, determining who are delegates, and in the morning the convention is ready to go on with its business without any unnecessary delay. In the matter of deciding votes, too, the citizens of Nutmegdom display a great deal of good sense. It is a very unusual thing to demand a roll-call. Nearly all votes are taken viva voce. When there is any question as to the accuracy of the decision of the Chair, at once one or more voices are heard to exclaim, "Doubt it, doubt it," when the question is again put until a satisfactory result is reached. The Republican Convention which met in New-Haven to-day to select delegates to the national meeting at Chicago in no way differed from other similar gatherings which have been held in the State. It was marked by all the promptness and attention to business which usually characterize Connecticut conventions, and, if the truth were known, it was made up of just about the same easy-going, good-natured set of men who, from time to time out of mind, have mildly controlled the destinies of the Republican Party in this Commonwealth. The fact is that Connecticut is not troubled by many great men, or, perhaps it would be better to say, that the great men in it do not devote themselves to politics. At all events, taking to-day's meeting as a representative one, neither Gen. Hawley or ex-Gov. Jewell being delegates, it must be concluded that the State, while it may contain a very large number of exceedingly sensible men, is sadly deficient in what may be called brilliant politicians.

The meeting was presided over by Amos S. Trest, a white-haired, and very solemn old gentleman, who wisely declared that any nominee of the National Republican Convention would receive the warm support of the Connecticut Republicans. Then in an indirect way he alluded to all the prominent candidates. References to Grant, Blaine, Edmunds, and Washburne were loudly cheered, and a Sherman man came in for a share of the applause. In short, not only the Chairman, but most of the delegates, seemed to have very little choice as to Presidential candidates. Early in the proceedings Mr. Warner, of Hartford, acting in the interest of that wing of the party which is controlled by Gen. Hawley, commenced the only small fight of the day by the introduction of the following:

Resolved, That the Republicans of Connecticut desire the nomination at Chicago of a candidate for President who will best unite the votes of all sections of the country, and who will stand on a party platform; and that they recognize in George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, or Elihu B. Washburne, of Illinois, a statesman whose nomination would need no defense.

The reading of the resolution was followed by loud and long-continued applause, and then ex-Congressman Brandegee, of New-London, rose to speak against it. He did so with much force, contending that its passage would be an insult to all the prominent candidates except those named in it, and an intimation that they needed to be defended. Shortly after he had concluded, somewhat to the surprise of those who had expected that the contest over the resolution would be a protracted one, Mr. Warner withdrew it. With this action ceased all efforts to instruct, directly or indirectly, for Edmunds or any one else. The anticipated attempt to change the manner of selecting the delegates at large was not made, the following gentlemen being chosen by Congressional districts in the customary way: From the First District, Henry C. Robinson, of Hartford; from the Second, John M. Douglass, of Middletown; from the Third, Augustus Brandegee, of New-London, and from the Fourth, Samuel C. Fessenden, of Stamford. The eight Congressional delegates were then reported to the convention, and then the following decidedly unique platform was reported and adopted amid loud applause:

Resolved, That this convention pledge itself and the constituency which it represents to the hearty, vigorous, and loyal support of the nominees of the Republican National Convention at Chicago.

After the adoption of the resolution, routine business of no importance was transacted. Mr. Samuel Fessenden, who had been accused of being too intimate with Mr. Blaine, made a very good speech, declaring that he would support any nominee of the Chicago Convention, and the meeting adjourned. Of the twelve gentlemen who constitute the delegation, it is reasonably certain that five, and perhaps six, will vote for Blaine, three or four for Edmunds, and two or three for Washburne. Of the latter, one may be won over to Gen. Grant. In view of the fact that Mr. Blaine received no votes from Connecticut four years ago, his friends are perhaps justified in claiming that the convention resulted in a decided triumph for him.

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GRANT SURE OF KENTUCKY.

PROMISES THAT A SOLID DELEGATION FOR HIM WILL BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—The State Republican Convention of Kentucky, for the selection of delegates to Chicago, will be held at Louisville on April 14. There are in Kentucky 117 counties, and the basis of representation in the convention is one delegate for every 50 votes, and for each fraction thereof exceeding 25, cast for the Hon. Walter Evans at the last Gubernatorial election. The total number of votes cast for Mr. Evans was 85,991, making the total number of delegates to the convention 1,718. Jefferson County, including the City of Louisville, cast the largest Republican vote of any county in the State—4,710—and has the largest number of delegates in the convention—93.

Seventy-two counties have held conventions for the appointment of delegates to the State Convention, with the following result: For Grant, 37 counties, with 544 votes; for Sherman, 5 counties, with 43 votes; for Blaine, 3 counties, with 27 votes; against a third term, 2 counties, with 25 votes; uninstructed, 25 counties, with 339 votes. This is, perhaps, as close a calculation as can be made at the present time. The facilities for gathering news in Kentucky are not ample, and it is not always possible to get trustworthy reports from remote county seats. Allowing all the uninstructed counties to be against Grant, he would yet have a majority of 110 votes over all opponents in the 72 counties above given. His friends claim, however, that in the uninstructed counties he is certain to receive at least 120 out of the 339 votes they will cast in the convention, and that out of the 969 votes represented by the 72 counties already heard from Grant will have 664, or a fraction over two-thirds, and that he will maintain this advantage in the 45 counties yet to be heard from, and that a solid Grant delegation will be sent to Chicago.

MORE VOICES FOR GRANT.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 7.—The Greenville County Republicans elected delegates to the State Convention yesterday. Resolutions were adopted eulogizing Gen. Grant and indorsing him for President. Treasury Agent R. B. Elliott was roundly denounced for his importunate interference in county conventions.

FITCHBURG, Mass., April 7.—The Republicans to-day elected delegates to the State Convention, 6 for Grant, 5 for Edmunds, and 1 for Blaine.

MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN PLANS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 7.—The Republican State Central Committee met in this city to-day, upon the call of the Chairman, to take steps for calling the convention to appoint delegates to the National Convention at Chicago. A resolution was passed empowering the same convention to name the Electoral ticket. It was then decided to call the convention for May 20, at St. Paul. This is the date already chosen for holding the Democratic State Convention. The delegates were instructed as to Presidential preferences and apparently indifferent. Grant, Blaine, Washburne, and Edmunds have friends, and there was a rumored disposition to advance the interests of Windom if he has any chance. It is almost certain the delegation will go to Chicago unpledged.

THE RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.

A PLURALITY FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, BUT NO ELECTION BY THE PEOPLE.

PROVIDENCE, April 7.—The election passed off quietly, but much interest was manifested nevertheless. The first gun fired that attracted attention was that Rowland Rose, the Democratic wholesale liquor-dealer, and Charles R. Brayton, the defaulting Postmaster, both of whom have been managing the campaign for the Anthony party, were cashiered; or, in other words, kicked out. The explanation is readily given. The fight was expected to be a hot one, and it was necessary to present as clean a bill as possible, and yesterday afternoon, at the tenth hour, the ring managers, after having laid all the wires and pipes for a successful campaign, were set back, the management was taken out of their hands and placed in the care of the Republican City Committee. This is regarded as the best thing the Republicans have done for years. Up to 9 P. M., it was difficult to tell who was elected. In fact, the election of Governor looked as though it would be thrown into the General Assembly. Later information shows that the Republican candidate runs about 1,000 behind his ticket in this city alone, and Anthony's organ, the *Journal*, concedes that there is no election by the people. The scratchers have been lively, and much trading has been done. Warwick gave Littlefield (Republican) a fine majority, yet elected a Democrat to the Senate.

Full returns show the following as the total vote for Governor: Littlefield (Rep.), 10,015; Howard, (Prob.) 5,056; Kimball, (Dem.) 7,090; scattering, 91. There is, therefore, no election by the people. The Legislature is Republican. It was Burnside, not Anthony, whose chance of re-election to the United States Senate was in jeopardy.

The towns generally exhibit irregular and surprising results. Some Democratic districts show a Republican success, and strong Republican towns divide their votes between the three candidates. Newport gives Littlefield 448, Howard (Temperance) 432, and Kimball (Democrat) 316. There is probably no choice for Assemblymen in this city. The Republican candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney-General and General Treasurer are elected by about the usual majority, there having been no third candidates for those offices. The General Assembly will be three-quarters Republican, insuring the election of Littlefield by that body, the choice being limited to the Republican and Democratic candidates, they having received the two highest votes. It is understood that a large majority of the Assemblymen-elect favor the re-election of Senator Burnside. Little more than half the vote of the State was polled to-day. Returns from all towns in the State, except Block Island, give Littlefield 10,014, Kimball 6,921, and Howard 5,006. The General Assembly contains in the Senate 26 Republicans, 7 Democrats, and 1 no choice; in the House, 47 Republicans, 12 Democrats, and 2 no choice. The vote for Governor last year was: Republican, 8,609; Democratic, 5,867.

"ANYBODY TO BEAT GRANT."

THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE IOWA DEMOCRATS.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, April 7.—The Democratic State Convention to select delegates to Cincinnati met here this morning. There were fully 500 delegates present. Judge Edward Johnston, of Lee County, was chosen Chairman, and on taking the chair briefly referred to the Electoral frauds of 1876 as an issue that would not down, and said that the battle of 1880 must be fought for an honest count; that the Democracy must pledge itself to protect internal transportation and inter-State commerce against the combinations of gigantic railroad monopolies; and finally, that the man nominated at Cincinnati must be a man that can defeat Gen. Grant, as anybody of sense could see that the latter would be the Republican nominee.

The resolutions reported and adopted reiterate faith in the principles of the Democratic Party, and denounce the policy of the Republican Party and the continued usurpation of power by the few as tending to imperialism. They assert that the Democrats of Iowa are in favor of the two-thirds rule in selecting a Presidential candidate.

The following were chosen by their respective districts as delegates to the Cincinnati Convention: First District—James Hagerman and George G. Rodman; 2—J. J. Richardson and G. L. Johnson; 3—Col. E. S. Malvern and C. M. Durham; 4—Martin Bliss and John Foley; 5—J. J. Snouffer and C. D. Lake; 6—S. R. Evans and C. H. Mackey; 7—George Gardner and J. A. Pinnock; 8—Robert B. Percival and J. Anderson; 9—E. L. Bowman and E. D. Fenn; for delegates at large—T. J. Porter, John P. Irish, J. I. Bates, and J. C. Morgan. A resolution instructing the delegation to vote as a unit at Cincinnati was laid on the table.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The *Tribune* special says: The result of the day's proceedings was that a delegation strongly favoring Tilden was chosen, although the convention refused to instruct for any one.

WESTERN REPUBLICAN GAINS.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Complete returns of the city election yesterday show that the Republicans have elected 10 Aldermen, the Democrats 6, the Independents 1, and the Socialists 1. This will make the complexion of the next City Council, including those Aldermen who hold over, about the same as last year—17 Republicans, 14 Democrats, 4 Socialists, and 1 Independent. The result is considered satisfactory to those who wish an improved City Government.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 7.—At the city election yesterday the Republicans elected their candidate for Mayor by 350 majority, Clerk, by 250 majority; Attorney, by 160 majority, Street Supervisor by over 600, and Marshal. The Democrats elected their Treasurer by 200 majority, Police Magistrates, and four out of six Aldermen. This is a Republican gain of 1. The new Council stands: Democrats, 10; Republicans, 8. Returns from all the towns in Sangamon County show that the Republicans elected 17 Supervisors and the Democrats 16. This is the first time the Republicans have had a majority in the board since 1860.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 7.—Unofficial footings give Eshelby, the Republican candidate for City Controller, a majority of 3,800, and elect the entire Republican Board of Education, with majorities of from 200 to 2,000.

In Indiana all the constitutional amendments were carried. This will make the State election come in November.

ELECTING BOSTON DELEGATES.

BOSTON, April 7.—Caucuses were held in all wards of this city to-night to select delegates to the State Convention to be held at Worcester on April 15. Returns from all but two wards indicate a preference for Sherman as the first choice of the delegates elected, with the chances of Edmunds and Grant about equal as second choice. Very few of the delegates were instructed. Of the 127 returned, 38 are known to have anti-Grant tendencies, and the preferences of 48 are unknown. An estimate of the strength of the gentlemen prominently mentioned as probable candidates gives 15 for Sherman, 10 for Grant, and 8 for Edmunds.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

PRINCE BISMARCK'S RESIGNATION.

HIS ACTION REGARDED AS A MEANS OF FORCING CHANGES IN THE FEDERAL COUNCIL—A RECONSIDERATION OF THE STAMP BILL EXPECTED.

LONDON, April 7.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, from Berlin, says: "In Parliamentary circles it is considered certain that the Bundesrath will reconsider the bill passed by that body, imposing imperial stamp duties, and agree with the views of Prince Bismarck. The statement that Prince Bismarck tendered his resignation three days ago, and that, upon the Emperor's refusal to accept it, he tendered it again on the ground of ill-health, is unfounded. Prince Bismarck only tendered his resignation yesterday, accompanying it with the explanations heretofore telegraphed in these dispatches. The decision of the Emperor regarding the resignation is not yet made known."

A Berlin correspondent telegraphs as follows: "It can readily be imagined that on the news of the Chancellor's intended resignation spreading through political circles here, the English elections ceased to be the subject of conversation, and from speculating on the woes likely to befall the British Empire by the downfall of Lord Beaconsfield, men began to dilate on the misfortunes certain to accrue to Germany with the helm of affairs no longer in the hands of Prince Bismarck. But though no small excitement, and even mild alarm, was at first produced by the publication of the momentous news, these feelings soon gave way, on more sober reflection, to conviction that the incident must not be looked at in its most serious light. No one can possibly believe either that the Chancellor earnestly desires to withdraw from office—he has confessedly too much important unfinished work in hand for that—or that the Emperor, even if convinced of the serious intentions of his illustrious servant, would readily grant the liberty he demands. The present crisis has, therefore, doubtless, the very same meaning as all previous incidents of the kind, and those who remember how Prince Bismarck has, on more occasions than one, achieved his purpose by appealing to the feelings of his patriotic countrymen, either by a threat to resign or by repairing to Varzin, will have little difficulty in perceiving the drift of the announcement now made. The Chancellor probably does not care a whit whether or not the proposed receipt stamp tax is adopted; but in its rejection he discovers a convenient opportunity for altering a state of things in the Federal Council which has long annoyed him. Nor can it be doubted that a fundamental change of the Imperial Constitution, affecting the Bundesrath, would be real cause for joy at his heart. Of the 58 votes distributed among the 25 members of this body, Prussia possesses 17—that is to say little less than a third of the legislative influence appertaining to it—while her proportion of the imperial population is about five-eighths of the whole. Thus, what has now happened might very well occur again, and Prussia might find herself in the predicament of having been out-voted on some much more momentous question than the present one by petty Principalities and Dukedoms, even when seconded by one or two of the Kingdoms. To obviate, therefore, such an untoward contingency is unquestionably the aim of the Chancellor, and it can scarcely be doubted that, rather than part with their altogether indispensable Prince, the States will readily consent to their being represented in the Federal Council more accurately in accordance with the principle by which the popular Deputies are sent up to the Reichstag, to wit, in proportion to the number of inhabitants in the respective States."

LONDON, April 8.—A dispatch from Berlin says: "On all hands it is not for a moment doubted that Prince Bismarck will succeed in carrying his point, and the interview to which he was summoned by the Emperor he doubtless heard enough to induce him to withdraw his resignation. The rules applying to voting by proxy in the Bundesrath may be modified, though there seems to be no intention of otherwise changing the Constitution. In view of the determined attitude of Prince Bismarck, the Bundesrath will probably recall or correct its vote, while it is said the wrath of Prince Bismarck will not be wholly appeased without the sacrifice of certain high officers."

A correspondent at Berlin reports that Prince Bismarck is so ill that he has not slept several nights, and walks or stands with difficulty. His family urge rest and quiet.

Another dispatch from Berlin says the Emperor has had a long conference with the Crown Prince, at which it was determined that Prince Bismarck should remain in office.

THE TROUBLES OF THE EAST.

THE INVADERS OF RUSSIA NOT CHINESE—MUSSULMAN DENUNCIATIONS OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION.

LONDON, April 7.—A dispatch from Vienna says: "The Governor-General of East Siberia has telegraphed to St. Petersburg that they were not Chinese troops, but irregular Tartar hordes, who invaded Russian territory. They attempted to cross the Amoor River, but were unsuccessful. He says the Chinese Government is quite innocent of the invasion, and it is expected it will punish the Tartars sharply."

A private letter from Aleppo, dated March 18, says: "In consequence of the famine, 4,000 Kurds have descended from the mountains, plundered the town of Mardeen, in Asiatic Turkey, and murdered a number of priests and nuns and some European merchants."

A Constantinople dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says it is stated that the Porte has stopped the work of Col. Valentine Baker (Baker Pasha) in Asia Minor.

A Constantinople correspondent mentions a recrudescence of Mussulman fanaticism and the efforts of their newspapers to excite hatred against Christians. The correspondent cites an article published in a newspaper known to be in intimate relations with the Grand Vizier, denouncing Europe in bitter language as the author of outrages and persecutions against the Mussulmans in East Roumelia, and venting a million curses against such civilization as that of Europe. The correspondent thinks that such incitements are sure to increase the assassinations of Christians, which are already frequent, and are not punished.

A new Bulgarian Ministry has been formed, with M. Zankoff as Premier, and M. Karaveloff as Minister of Finance.

A dispatch from Rangoon says several Chinese firms there have received intelligence that Theebaw, the King of Burmah, has died of small-pox at Mandelay. Their agents advise them to keep back their goods, as there are fears of a civil war in Burmah.

LONDON, April 8.—A correspondent with Gen. Stewart's column, at Juldak, says the advance continues uninterruptedly. It is reported that there is a strong gathering near Sharjui, where the enemy will certainly fight.

ENGLISH ELECTION RETURNS.

THE NET LIBERAL GAIN 81 SEATS—RESULTS OF THE VOTING YESTERDAY.

LONDON, April 7.—Queen Victoria will leave Baden-Baden on the 15th inst., on her return to England.

The Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone writes to the *Daily News* deprecating the demonstration, now preparing by the Liberals, in his honor on his return to London.

Lord Hartington, speaking in Lancashire yesterday, said that the British could only retire from Afghanistan after the restoration of order there.

Herbert Gladstone, (Liberal,) son of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who was defeated for Middlesex, will stand as a candidate for Leeds, his father, who was returned for Leeds and Mid-Lothian, having elected to accept the latter.

At the Parliamentary elections, the following candidates have been returned: R. H. Cardwell (Liberal,) for Monmouth district—a Liberal gain; Sir Robert Cunliffe, (Liberal,) for Denbigh district; Dr. Cumming and Mr. O'Kelly, (Home Rulers,) for Roscommon County—a Home Rule gain of two, (the O'Connor Don and the Hon. C. French, Liberals, represented Roscommon in the last House, and stood again at this election;) the Hon. Frederick S. A. Hanbury-Tracy, (Liberal,) for Montgomery District, re-elected; M. P. Bissett and Vaughan Lee, (Conservatives,) for Somersetshire, West; Sir Robert J. Buxton, (Conservative,) and R. T. Reeves, (Liberal,) for Norfolk, South, the former re-elected, a Liberal gain; R. F. Campbell, (Liberal,) for Ayr District, a Liberal gain; Sir W. Hart-Dyke, the Conservative whip, and Sir M. Filmer, (Conservative,) for Kent, Middle, the former re-elected; Mr. Foljambe (Liberal) and Viscount Galway (Conservative) for Nottinghamshire, North, the latter re-elected—a Liberal gain; James Howard and Marquis of Tavistock (Liberals) for Bedfordshire—a Liberal gain of one; the Marquis of Stafford (Liberal) for Sutherlandshire, re-elected; Watkin Williams (Liberal) for Carnarvonshire—a Liberal gain; the Hon. Gilbert Leigh (Liberal) and Sir J. Eardley-Wilmot, (Conservative,) for Warwickshire, South, the latter re-elected; a Liberal gain; Col. John Ireland Blackburn, and the Right Hon. Ashbeton Cross, the Home Secretary (Conservatives,) for Lancashire, Southwest, both re-elected; C. Marjoribanks (Liberal) for Berwickshire—a Liberal gain; Sir E. Green-Price (Liberal) for Radnorshire—a Liberal gain; A. Barnes (Liberal) and Admiral Francis Egerton, (Conservative,) for Derbyshire, East, the latter re-elected; J. Chaine and Edward MacNaughten, (Conservatives,) for Antrim, the former re-elected; the Hon. F. W. Lambton and Joseph W. Pease, (Liberals,) for Durham South, the latter re-elected; the Right Hon. Earl Percy and Sir Matthew White-Ridley, (Conservatives,) for Northumberland, North, both re-elected; Sir David Wedderburn, (Liberal,) for Haddington District, re-elected; W. Agnew, and Robert Leake, (Liberals,) for Lancashire, South-east, a Liberal gain of two. Hon. O'Gorman Mahon and Mr. O'Shea, (Home Rulers,) for Clare County, the former re-elected, a Home Rule gain of 1; Capt. Heron Maxwell, (Conservative,) for Kirkcudbrightshire, a Conservative gain; Mr. McCoan and W. J. Corbet, (Home Rulers,) for Wicklow County, a Home Rule gain of two; C. Tennant, (Liberal,) for Selkirkshire and Peeblesshire—a Liberal gain; the Hon. Percy S. Wyndham, (Conservative,) and D. Ainsworth, (Liberal,) for Cumberland, West, the former re-elected—a Liberal gain; Henry Campbell-Bannerman, (Liberal,) for Sterling, re-elected; J. T. Craig and H. J. Raven-scroft, (Conservatives,) for Staffordshire, North (this constituency was represented in the last House by Messrs. C. M. Campbell, (Conservative,) and R. W. Hanbury, (Liberal-Conservative.)

LONDON, April 8.—The *Standard*, in its leading article this morning, asserts that the real significance of the polls is that the Liberals will be able to dispense with the support of the Home Rule vote. The Liberal net gain is now 81 seats.

The *Times*, in its leading article on the elections this morning, says it may be taken for granted that the formal transfer of power will not be long delayed.

MARYLAND LEGISLATION.

MANY UNSIGNED BILLS IN THE GOVERNOR'S HANDS—AN EXTRA SESSION TO BE CALLED.

BALTIMORE, April 7.—The Maryland State Legislature adjourned Monday night, having passed hastily, during the closing hours of the session, about 200 bills, none of which have yet been signed by Gov. Hamilton. The State Constitution provides that if any bill shall be returned by the Governor within six days after its receipt it shall become a law the same as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly shall, by adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law. This is almost identical with a similar provision of the Federal Constitution. It has been the custom for Governors to sign bills after the adjournment of the State Legislature, while the President always signs bills prior to the adjournment of Congress, under different interpretations of identical statutes. Gov. Hamilton to-day visited Washington, and obtained an opinion from Speaker Randall and others that the bills he should sign now, the Legislature having adjourned, would not be constitutionally enacted. It is understood that the Governor on this account will call an extra session of the Legislature at an early day, as among the bills not yet signed are the Appropriation bills and almost all the important bills passed during the recent session. This is a great surprise, and Gov. Hamilton's motive, if he has a special one, is not known. It is a notorious fact that not one of the reform measures advocated by the Democrats during the campaign last Fall has been passed by the Legislature, not even the bill providing for a new registration, the old registrations furnishing means for election frauds which the better class of Democrats themselves cannot stomach. The Governor hopes that some of the most needed reform measures may be passed during the extra session.

LITTLE HOPE FOR SHERMAN.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—The Athens County Republican Convention to-day elected delegates to the State Convention, who are pronounced for Blaine. The Jefferson County Convention, held last week, also elected Blaine delegates. These are the only county conventions yet held. It begins to look as if Sherman's candidacy would be ended, according to the terms of his Mansfield speech, before the Columbus Convention meets.

A STATE CONVENTION POSTPONED.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 7.—The Republican State Convention is postponed from June 17 to June 23, owing to the reunion of the Army of the Potomac, which will take place here.

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into the facts and circumstances of assessments to which objection may be made. If they shall find, after due consideration, that substantial injustice has been committed, the assessments may be revised, modified, or vacated by the Commissioners, and they may award such relief as they may consider to be, under the circumstances and on the evidence presented, just and equitable. All assessments confirmed prior to Jan. 1, 1880, which shall not be revised shall become a lien upon the property benefited, as by this statute authorized, shall be collected pursuant to laws now or hereafter in force relating to assessment in said city, in every case where the amount of such assessment is not paid, and the lien discharged on or before the 1st day of March, 1881. The decision of the Commissioners upon all matters submitted to them shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be subject to review or revision in any form or by any court or tribunal. The Corporation Counsel is to attend in person, or by assistants, to all matters before the Commissioners, to protect, maintain, and defend the interest of the City.

A BUSY SESSION OF THE SENATE.

RAISING DOUBTS AS TO THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE PILOT BILL—DISCUSSING THE TAXATION BILLS.

ALBANY, April 7.—The bill to regulate pilotage at the port of New-York got another set-back to-day. Mr. Jacobs offered a resolution to refer it to the Judiciary Committee, alleging as a reason for his motion that there were grave doubts about its constitutionality. He said he had consulted an able lawyer, who was entirely disinterested in the matter, and who gives it as his opinion that all legislation by the State of New-York on the subject of pilotage since 1789 is unconstitutional. The opinion was based on the fact that in 1789 Congress passed an act leaving the subject of pilotage at the several ports in the country to each State, as the laws regulating the same then stood, until Congress should take further action in the matter. Congress having taken no further action since that time, the pilot regulations of all the ports were the same as in 1789, and all subsequent legislation on the subject by the Legislature of this or any other State was unconstitutional. Mr. Jacobs said he wished the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee to examine this question.

Mr. Davenport objected. He said the Pilot bill was introduced on Jan. 6; there had been several hearings on it, during which all persons had full opportunity to present their arguments. The committee of which he was Chairman finally reported what it considered a fair compromise bill. When it came up for discussion, Mr. Jacobs asked to have it referred back to the committee, pretending that there were some new and important facts to be presented. At his urgent solicitation it was referred back, and lawyers came before the committee and reiterated the same old arguments. It was again reported to the Senate, and now, just as it was about to be reached for discussion, came another motion to refer back—this time to the Judiciary Committee. He did not believe there was anything at all in this pretended constitutional objection to the bill. There was no doubt that Congress had full jurisdiction over the subject whenever it chose to exercise it, but having failed to exercise its power, it unquestionably belonged to the State to regulate pilotage meantime. This motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee looked to him like a ruse to get a still further delay, and he trusted the Senate would not lend its countenance to any such trick. Mr. Forster said that the able lawyer consulted by Mr. Jacobs must have omitted to read the whole of the law of Congress of 1789, or he never could have given the opinion he did. He then cited the law in full, which expressly states that the regulation of pilotage is to be left to the laws now existing, or hereafter to be enacted by the several States, until Congress shall take the subject in hand. If it was true that all legislation on the subject of pilotage since 1789 was unconstitutional, in what condition did it place the pilots at the present time? Once establish that fact, and he would guarantee that those who ask for this bill would no longer trouble the Legislature.

Mr. Woodin moved, as an amendment to Jacobs's motion, that the Judiciary Committee have power to report complete, so as to put the bill at once on its third reading, and that the committee report as early as Wednesday next. Mr. Jacobs gladly accepted this amendment, whereat Mr. Woodin became suspicious that he had got himself into a bad fix, as he ostensibly favored the bill. The motion, as amended, however, was adopted, and the bill goes to the Judiciary Committee, which has the power to amend it in any shape it pleases, or to substitute another bill for it, or to report it adversely, and kill it altogether. The Chairman of the committee, Judge Robertson, is regarded by the pilots as friendly to their views, many of them residing in his district. The other members of the committee are Messrs. Pitts of Orleans, Astor of New-York, Williams of Buffalo, Winslow of Jefferson, Mills of Herkimer, and Forster of Ulster.

The Canal Board toll-sheet was before the Senate again to-day, and elicited another long discussion as to the constitutional power of the Senate to make amendments to the tolls agreed upon by the board. Messrs. Sessions and Woodin argued that all the Senate could do under the Constitution was either to concur, or non concur, in the toll-sheet as fixed by the board, and that it had no business to make, or suggest, amendments unless the board fixed the rates below the toll-sheet of 1852. The subject was finally disposed of by striking out the amendments made in the Assembly, and leaving the toll-sheet as fixed by the Canal Board. Mr. Bixby's bill to rebuild Washington Market, under the supervision of the President of the Board of Aldermen, the Controller, and the Commissioner of Public Works, was taken up and, after a short discussion, progressed. A large number of remonstrances was presented against taxing church property, several against the New-York charter, and two or three against the Hepburn Railroad bill.

Among the new bills introduced was one by Senator Pomeroy, to define the powers and duties of the Superintendent of Public Works. It is similar to a bill introduced by the same Senator in 1877 and passed, but was vetoed by Gov. Robinson after the rejection by the Senate of the nomination of George B. McClellan for Superintendent of Public Works. The bill simplifies the system of canal management, and changes the mode of disbursements. It is of much importance, but is introduced at a rather late day in the session.

Bills Nos. 247 and 270 on the Senate files, reported from the special joint Committee on Assessment and Taxation, were made the special order in the Senate this evening. Mr. Winslow delivered an elaborate written speech on the general subject of taxation, the inequalities and injustice of the present tax laws, and the labors of the joint committee in trying to remedy the evils of the present system. In illustrating the over-taxation of real property, and the way personal property escapes taxation, he stated that last year the City of Albany, with a population of 80,000, furnished only 12 persons who paid tax on personal property more than were furnished by the little town of Rensselaerville, and that the City of Rochester, with its millions of dollars of personal property, did not pay as large a tax on that kind of property as was paid by one widow in the village of Batavia.

Mr. Winslow combated the idea that a tax on deposits of savings banks and life insurance companies was not just to thrift. A large portion of the deposits of savings banks to-day were made by rich and well-to-do people, and the small depositors could well afford to be taxed one-fourth of 1 per cent in order to reach the larger depositors. He said the Special Tax Committee had been criticised for dividing up its work into so many different bills, instead of combining their proposed changes in the tax laws in one bill. This had been done to increase the chances of the their passage and to prevent a combination of different interests, such as would likely be formed to defeat a single bill.

The first bill was ordered to the third reading without much discussion. It simply amends the present law for taxing investments in business in this State by non-residents, by using the words "sums used and employed," in lieu of "investments," and adding the words "whether money or credits." It also adds the words "Agents and managers" of persons doing business in this State. The second bill adds to the term "land" subject to taxation, "wharves and piers, including the value of the right to collect wharfage; also, bridges and bridge franchises, superstructures, and tolls." In the room the railroad fixtures, gas, oil, heating, and water pipes, owned by incorporated companies, telegraph poles and wires," &c. This bill was discussed at length, and, after some verbal amendments, was ordered to a third reading.

After the adjournment this afternoon, W. W. Goodrich appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee, to which was referred the Pilot bill to examine the question of its constitutionality, and argued in favor of the bill and its legality. During the discussion the committee unanimously agreed that it would not consider anything but the constitutionality of the bill, and would not undertake to amend it in any way.

RAILROAD PLANS AND WORK.

H. J. JEWETT PRESIDENT OF A WESTERN ROAD—THE UNION PACIFIC LEGISLATION—OTHER MATTERS.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 7.—The Presidency of the Indianapolis and Evansville Railroad Company has been tendered to H. J. Jewett, and he has telegraphed his acceptance. At the meeting of the company, yesterday, the following officers were elected: Hugh J. Jewett, of New-York, President; T. A. Lewis, of Indianapolis, Vice-President; R. G. Harvey, General Manager; E. R. Harriman, of New-York, Treasurer, and C. S. Lewis, of Indianapolis, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, with the following gentlemen as Directors: G. R. Blanchard and R. R. Duval, of New-York; John C. New, of Indianapolis; Charles Viele, Matthew Henning, J. J. Kleiner, John H. Roelker, R. K. Dunkerson, and Samuel Vickery, of Evansville. A large amount of work has already been done on the road, and it will now be rapidly pushed to completion.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Mr. McLean, of Maryland, reported to the House to-day, from the Committee on Pacific Railroads, a substitute for the bill "to extend the provisions of the Pacific Railroad Sinking Fund act." The bill is accompanied by a report which sets forth that the substitute bill proposes to alter and amend the Sinking Fund act of May, 1878, (commonly known as the Thurman act,) and the act amendatory thereto, in the following particulars: First, it authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the sinking fund of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads in bonds of the United States other than 5 per cent. bonds, or in first mortgage bonds of the companies, as he may elect; second, it extends the time of settlement—necessary to ascertain the amount of the payments to be made by the companies—from one month to three months; third, it makes the settlements and payments semi-annual instead of annual; fourth, it authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the moneys now in the Treasury and due said companies to the sinking fund. The fourth section of the bill extends the provisions of the act, as well as those of the act of which it is amendatory, to those persons or companies who become possessors of the roads by lawful purchase or by consolidation. The fifth section extends the provisions of the Sinking Fund act to the Kansas Pacific, the Central Branch of the Union Pacific, and the Saint Joseph and Denver City Railroads, since these three roads were created by the same act as the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Roads, and constitute the money-subsidized roads as created by the act of 1862 and acts amendatory thereto. Accompanying the report is a letter from Secretary Sherman stating that future investments on account of the sinking fund in Government bonds must be made in 4, 4½ per cents, or currency sixes, and favoring the amendment which gives the Secretary discretionary power to invest in first mortgage bonds of the respective companies.

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 7.—In the course of a speech last night in the House of Commons, Sir Leonard Tilley, Finance Minister, alluding to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, said that during the next five years the Government would expend at least $10,000,000 a year in opening the railway from Lake Superior to Winnipeg and 300 miles beyond, including the British Columbia section. This would make an expenditure of $20,000,000, and after that no more than $5,000,000 per annum would be expended, including the British Columbia work. It was calculated that while the cost of the railway from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean would be no more than $60,000,000, the revenue derived, would pay all the interest on the cost, and even more than that.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 7.—The railroad conference that has been in session in this city for the past week has closed at last, and with decisive results. The Western and Atlantic Road, which has been so long a bar to the proposed line to the sea, has been secured in a combination headed by President Newcomb, of the Louisville and Nashville Road, of which Presidents Wadley, Alexander, and Brown are members. This alliance gives the Louisville and Nashville Road a clear way to the coast, and will result in the immediate operation of the long-talked of through line that will compete with the trunk lines for the carrying trade between the West and South and New-York. A joint office will be opened at once in New-York, and through schedules and rates will be established. The permanency of the contract is assured, it is said, by the most liberal guarantees to the Louisville and Nashville Road, and it may be assumed that the railroad troubles in the South are practically over and the leading lines united in one harmonious system. There is general satisfaction over the result.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—The arrangement made at Atlanta is not favorably considered in Georgia, and there will be much dissatisfaction among stockholders of Georgia lines. The combination will lessen competition, and will deprive Atlanta of the Georgia Western, which the Louisville and Nashville would have been compelled to build if the arrangement had not been made. A new line in construction from Chattanooga to Rome, will give the Cincinnati Southern a chance to enter Georgia, and there is a growing feeling in favor of a line from Rome to Atlanta. There it would meet the Macon and Brunswick Extension, and thus have a through line to the sea-board far superior to Charleston or Savannah. Cincinnati is not pleased with the stroke.

MONTREAL, April 7.—The receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending April 3 show an increase of $53,475 over the corresponding week last year.

LONG ISLAND TOWN ELECTIONS.

THE RESULTS IN QUEENS AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES.

The most notable result of the Queens County town elections, which took place on Tuesday, is the fact that the Republican preponderance in the Board of Supervisors gained a year ago, is maintained—4 to 3. The personnel of the new board is exactly the same as that of last year, the towns being represented as follows: Oyster Bay—George S. Downing, Democrat; North Hempstead—John M. Clark, Republican; Hempstead—Charles H. Clement, Republican; Jamaica—John R. Brinckerhoff, Democrat; Newtown—John E. Van Nostrand, Republican; Long Island City—John Claven, Democrat; Flushing—A. K. P. Dennett, Republican. A special effort to prevent this result was made by the Democrats in Hempstead and Flushing, but without effect, as Mr. Clement was re-elected by about 200 majority; and Mr. Dennett's majority in Flushing is 164. In Jamaica great interest was manifested in the election outside the Supervisorship, the issue of temperance being introduced so far as concerned the candidates for Excise Commissioners and constables, and the Sunday Observance Association taking an active part in the canvass. The candidates for Excise Commissioners supported by the association were defeated, and the "regular" nominees of the Democrats were successful. One of these resigned the office only a month or two ago, it was understood, in fear of an indictment by the Grand Jury for dereliction of duty in connection with the prosecution of certain liquor-dealers of the town for violation of the Sunday clause of the Excise law.

In Suffolk County there was no special political significance attached to the election in any of the towns. The new Board of Supervisors will be constituted much the same as that of last year, with a Democratic majority. The Republicans carried Riverhead and East Hampton. The names of the Supervisors elected, as far as heard from, are as follows: Southold, Henry A. Reeves, (Dem.); Huntington, Stephen G. Rogers, (Dem.); Smithtown, Shepherd S. Jones, (Dem.); Southampton, James M. Halsey, (Rep.); Shelter Island, Samuel E. Nicoll, (Dem.); Brookhaven, John S. Havens, (Dem.); Islip, John Wood, (Rep.) In Huntington the Democrats elected G. R. Street Justice of the Peace, and Douglas Conklin Town Clerk; in Southampton, Jacob W. Conklin (Rep.) was elected Town Clerk; in North Hempstead, Selah Bush (Dem.) was chosen Justice of the Peace; in Jamaica, George Maure was elected Justice of the Peace by the Democrats, and in Flushing, W. S. Overton (Rep.) was elected to a like position. In Brookhaven, H. P. Hutchinson (Rep.) was chosen Town Clerk.

At the Kings County town elections on Tuesday the following Supervisors were elected: Gravesend, John Y. McKane, (Dem.); New-Utrecht, Cornelius Ferguson, (Dem.); Flatbush, Peter Williamson, (Dem.); Flatlands, John L. Ryder, (Rep.); New-Lots, G. W. Colyer, (Dem.)

SECURITIES AT AUCTION.

The following securities were sold at auction at the Exchange Sales-room yesterday: One hundred and seventy-one shares Pacific Fire Insurance Company, $25 each, at 205½; 166 shares Stuyvesant Fire Insurance Company, $25 each, at 119½; 150 shares Peter Cooper Insurance Company, $20 each, at 182 to 182½; 4 shares Franklin and Emporium Insurance Company, $100 each, at 130; 130 shares Citizens' Fire Insurance Company, $20 each, at 200; $1,200 Citizens' Fire Insurance Company scrip at 78; 20 shares Pacific Bank, $50 each, at 146; 16 shares Nassau Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, $50 each, at 161; 36 shares City Fire Insurance Company, $70 each, at 120; $20,000 Sixth Avenue Railroad Company first mortgage 7 per cent. bonds, dec. 1890, interest January and July, at 111; 20 shares Bank of Manhattan Company, $50 each, at 145; 12 shares Treasurer's National Bank, $40 each, at 110; 1 share Clinton Hall Association, $100, at 55; 50 shares Sterling Fire Insurance Company, $100 each, at 80; $650 Commercial Mutual Insurance Company scrip of 1878 at 71; 27 shares Jefferson Insurance Company, $50 each, at 141; $979 50 Jefferson Insurance Company scrip, viz: $285 60 of 1872, $277 50 of 1874, $222 of 1875, $144 30 of 1876, $22 90 of 1877, $22 20 of 1878, at 76½; $2,000 Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company first mortgage bonds of 1887; $5,000 Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company second mortgage bonds at 3½; $23,000 Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company 7 per cent. mortgage bonds, dated Oct. 1, 1867, due Oct. 1, 1887—April, 1877, coupons on—$1,000 each, at 15½ to 15¾.

SAVINGS BANK EXHIBITS

THE CONDITION OF KINGS COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

ANNUAL REPORTS MADE TO THE STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT BY THE FOURTEEN BANKS—NO FAILURES DURING THE YEAR—TWO BANKS CLOSED VOLUNTARILY.

ALBANY, April 7.—The annual reports of the savings banks of Kings County have been made to the Superintendent of the Bank Department, showing their condition on the morning of Jan. 1, 1880. The banks are 14 in number, 2 of which are closing, and have received no deposits during the year. There have been no failures during the year, though two savings banks—the Bedford and Emigrant—closed voluntarily, and no longer report to the Bank Department. The banks show an increase of deposits of $4,104,057, and in open accounts 9,183 during the year. Owing to changes in the forms for the reports, there is not the proportionate increase in surplus shown that would have been had the banks been required to extend into the column of resources the actual cost of real estate, as has heretofore been done. In the present reports real estate is extended at market value, irrespective of cost, consequently, the surplus shown is on the basis of market values throughout. The reports are as follows.

SOUTH BROOKLYN SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$1,337,556 00
Stock investments:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$2,434,271	$2,427,750	
Cities in this State	2,969,116	3,036,705	
Counties in this State	450,537	467,740	
Towns in this State	34,986	37,200	
Total	$5,879,209	$5,969,395	5,019,405 00
Loaned on stocks as authorized by Laws of 1875			$225,000 00
Banking-house and lot, cost $195,000; estimated present value			100,000 00
Other real estate, cost $16,604; estimated present value			15,000 00
Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies			179,052 38
Cash on hand			28,023 56
Interest due and accrued			48,785 56
Total			$7,953,926 55
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$7,194,445 00
Surplus			759,476 49
Total			$7,953,926 55

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 16,534.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $495 12.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $2,325,249 44.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $2,153,300 30.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $317,759 76.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $32,576 71.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 4 and 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $6,704,739 16; surplus, $698,672 53; open accounts, 15,702.

DIME SAVINGS BANK OF WILLIAMSBURG

Resources.

Bonds and Mortgages			$238,985 00
Stock investments:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$294,917 00	$305,750 00	
Cities in this State	73,430 00	77,802 50	
Counties in this State	45,000 00	49,500 00	
Towns in this State	121,873 50	133,365 00	
	$535,220 50	$561,417 50	561,417 50
Loaned on Stocks			74,540 00
Banking house and lot, cost $80,92242; estimated present value			74,975 00
Other real estate, cost $12,042 79; estimated present value			12,000 00
Cash on deposit in Banks or Trust Companies			23,968 42
Cash on hand			3,913 49
Interest due and accrued			14,893 33
Furniture and Fixtures			4,826 64
Total			$740,519 40
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$684,523 58
Expenses incurred but unpaid			308 92
Surplus			55,687 02
Total			$740,519 40

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 9,511.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $347 26.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $261,891 05.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $271,570 47.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $20,649 63.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $5,500 24.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 4 and 5 per cent.
This bank reported, Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $664,903 93; surplus, $54,362 94; open accounts, 9,391.

WILLIAMSBURG SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$4,761,196 78
Stock investments:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$5,913,544	$6,127,125	
Cities in this State	4,765,960	5,069,300	
Counties in this State	581,500	609,105	
Towns in this State	145,445	151,000	
Total	$11,406,449	$11,956,530	11,956,530 00
Loaned on stocks			157,000 00
Banking-house and lot, cost $500,000; estimated present value			300,000 00
Other real estate, cost $328,626 04; estimated present value			270,069 07
Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies			134,735 94
Cash on hand			308,225 17
Interest due and accrued			240,925 02
Insurance advanced			89 90
Total			$18,218,660 43
Liabilities.			
Due Depositors			$16,618,044 82
Surplus			1,600,624 61
Total			$18,218,660 43

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts, Jan. 1, 1880, 35,350.
Average amount of each account, Jan. 1, 1880, $470 10.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $4,276,409 57.
Amount withdrawn during the year, 1879, $4,065,775 13.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $707,246 06.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $31,067 72.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 4 and 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $15,100,164 32; surplus, $1,565,529 07; open accounts, 31,951.

KINGS COUNTY SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$666,425 00
Stock investments, viz:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$298,750 00	$306,000 00	
Cities in this State	326,543 03	331,451 79	
Counties in this State	139,386 00	152,530 00	
Towns in this State	59,095 00	65,625 00	
Total	$1,323,874 03	$1,355,606 79	1,355,606 79
Loaned on stocks			475,000 00
Banking-house and lot, cost $142,; 1877 estimated present value			142,000 00
Cash on deposit in banks and trust companies			85,013 68
Cash on hand			9,881 91
Interest due and accrued			33,352 77
Rents due			410 00
Total			$2,707,494 13
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$2,584,548 92
Surplus			122,945 21
Total			$2,707,494 13

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 7,472.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $349 56.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $801,815 40.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $794,351 57.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $112,423 56.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $9,079 67.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 4 and 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $2,464,961 52; surplus, $136,161 74; open accounts, 7,311.

EAST BROOKLYN SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$134,500 00
Stock investments, viz:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$50,125	$51,500	
Cities in this State	168,105	184,587	
Counties in this State	16,740	18,830	
Towns in this State	25,110	27,600	
Total	$261,140	$282,515	282,015 00
Banking-house and lot, cost $45,474 20; estimated present value			28,000 00
Other real estate, cost $11,253 56; estimated present value			11,000 00
Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies			10,324 40
Cash on hand			11,449 92
Interest due and accrued			3,141 65
Total			$529,436 03
Liabilities.			
Due Depositors			$503,996 41
Surplus			25,439 62
Total			$529,436 03

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 4,198.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $122 02.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $203,924 32.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $135,768 11.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $19,454 34.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $5,127 60.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 4 and 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $425,439 05; surplus, $24,766 97; open accounts, 3,904.

BROOKLYN SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$3,832,530 00
Stock investments, viz:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
United States	$10,000,000	$10,922,000	
Ohio State	98,000	103,600	
Indiana State	270,000	279,750	
New Hampshire State	97,000	77,700	
Rhode Island State	93,000	112,000	
Massachusetts State	183,256	205,800	
Cities in this State	2,963,000	3,262,425	
Counties in this State	522,750	585,520	
Total	$14,200,005	$15,508,695	15,508,695 00
Banking-house and lot, cost $44,000; estimated present value			60,000 00
Other real estate, cost $105,390 74; estimated present value			121,500 00
Cash deposit in banks or trust companies			95,000 00
Cash on hand			62,167 77
Interest due and accrued			263,132 80
Tenement State bonds—par value, $154,000; market value			84,260 00
Total			$18,558,295 37
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$16,503,348 18
Surplus			2,155,089 21
Total			$18,658,295 37

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts, Jan. 1, 1880, 34,048.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $484 76.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $4,300,065 87.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $4,172,180 57.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $664,985 91.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $41,976 41.
Rate per cent. of interest paid to depositors—5 per cent. on $1,000, 4 per cent on the excess.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $15,710,871 88; surplus, $2,036,791 62; open accounts, 31,607.

BUSHWICK SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$87,900 00
Stock investments, viz.:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
Cities in this State	$32,080 00	$32,240 00	
Counties in this State	5,100 00	5,300 00	
Towns in this State	12,503 11	12,770 00	
Total	$50,683 11	$51,310 00	51,310 00
Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies			5,536 64
Cash on hand			975 62
Interest due and accrued			1,498 83
Furniture and fixtures			1,043 65
Total			$148,264 77
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$145,759 00
Surplus			2,505 77
Total			$148,264 77

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 542.
Average amount of each account Jan. 1, 1880, $906 92.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $101,919 75.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $73,213 94.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $4,302 11.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $1,589 28.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $82,750 08; surplus, $2,556 35; open accounts, 461.

EAST NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Bonds and mortgages			$73,262 50
Stock investments, viz:			
	Cost.	Estimated Market Value.	
Cities in this State	$70,134 42	$66,855 62	66,855 62
Real estate, cost, $4,094 06; estimated present value			4,500 00
Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies			24,277 46
Cash on hand			2,992 28
Interest due and accrued			2,753 12
Furniture and fixtures			1,782 00
Rent due			5 00
Total			$189,131 24
Liabilities.			
Due depositors			$177,365 15
Interest accrued on deposits to Jan. 1			1,650 00
Surplus			10,116 09
Total			$189,131 24

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 4,168.
Average amount of each account, Jan. 1, 1880, $179 17.
Amount deposited during the year, not including interest credited, $356,791 25.
Amount withdrawn during the year 1879, $325,601 88.
Amount of interest credited and paid for the year 1879, $31,508 55.
Expenses of the bank during the year 1879, $1,561 52.
Rate of interest paid to depositors, 5 per cent.
This bank reported Jan. 1, 1879: Due depositors, $295,276 79; surplus, $105,513 89; open accounts, 3,917.

MECHANICS' SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Cash on hand	$374 95
Liabilities.	
Due depositors	$374 95

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 126.
No deposits received during the year 1879.

PARK SAVINGS BANK.

Resources.

Cash on deposit in banks or trust companies	$329 44
Liabilities.	
Due depositors	$329 44

Supplementary.

Number of open accounts Jan. 1, 1880, 123.
No deposits received during the year 1879.

BREAKING THE WINE-GLASS.

A MARRIAGE THAT WAS SOLEMNIZED ACCORDING TO THE JEWISH RITUAL.

One of the society events of yesterday was the marriage, according to the strict Hebrew ritual, of Mr. Frederick Nathan, son of the late Benjamin Nathan of this City, and Miss Maud Nathan, daughter of Robert W. Nathan, of No. 157 East Forty-ninth-street. The ceremony was announced, in the notes of invitation, to take place at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the synagogue of the congregation Shearith Israel, No. 5 West Nineteenth-street, but it was a few minutes past 6 when the wind instruments, stationed in the music-gallery, sounded the first notes of a sensuous Oriental composition, and the President of the congregation ascended to his box at the right of the ark of the covenant, in front of which swung the ever-lighted saucer shaped lamp. Four tall white tapers, mounted upon bronze stands, lighted the elevated space in front of the ark, and upon the centre of the platform rested a beautiful Bible-desk (or canopy), under which the ceremony was performed, was near the centre of the interior. From an elevated dais, like a music-stand, about 12 feet square, rose four ornamented bronze pillars, one at each corner. These supported the roof of an elaborate canopy of white silk, from the border of which fell a heavy silver fringe. A railing of beautiful lattice-work surrounded the dais at the base, and walled in the bridal party and the officiating priests, the Rev. H. P. Mendes and the Rev. D. Stein, the assistant, from the rest of the congregation. From the entrance to the hospah, or the suspected steps of the hospah in the centre of the apartment, a beautiful canopy composed of tall Oriental palms, interlaced at the top so as to form a verdant roof, shielded the bridal party from the curious gaze of the spectators, as after the officiating priests had assisted the dais, they followed in twos by two, until the bride and groom and bridesmaids and groomsmen had all taken their positions beneath the canopy, the former as participants in the ceremony, the latter as witnesses. Everywhere trails of smilax, nodding tufts of white lilac, and fragrant bouquets of exotics entwined about slender columns, filled deep embrasures, or tipped a vacant corner with symbols of life and color. Nine white tapers, upheld by ricantic candlesticks of bronze, flooded the space beneath the hospah with a dazzling illumination. The following gentlemen acted as ushers: Mr. Mortimer Hendricks, Mr. Lucien Nathan, Mr. Emanuel Minzlehoimer, Mr. Clarence Nathan, Mr. Florence Nathan, Mr. Stephen Dowld, of Montreal, was best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Benjamin F. Nathan, Mr. R. F. Nathan, brother of the bride; Mr. Julian Nathan, brother of the groom, and Mr. A. Nathan, cousin of the bride and groom. There were four bridesmaids, all dressed in white silk, with tulle veils falling to the floor—Miss Mathilda Jackson, Miss Beatrice Hendricks, Miss Louise Nathan, and Miss Matilda Florence. The bride in a toilet of pale olef silk, with her maids, occupied one portion of the dais, and the groom, supported by his relatives of groomsmen, the other. Between the two groups stood Rabbis Manuel Noice. The former prefaced the ceremony with a brief address to the bridal pair, and an invocation, in the English language; and then, taking a glass of wine tendered him by a silver salver by an attendant, commenced to cantillate in Hebrew, with a low, monotonous intonation, rising gradually into a higher key as the service went on: "Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God; King of the Universe; who createst the fruit of the vine." Sipping the wine, he first handed it, which the foregoing is the initial passage, Rabbi Mendes lifted the glass to his lips, then tendered it to the groom, and lastly to the bride, each sipping from the goblet's brim in turn. This concluded, the groom, having shown the bridal ring to the assembled congregation, placed it upon the finger of the bride, repeating, as he did so, the following words in the Hebrew tongue: "Behold, thou art wedded to me, with this ring, according to the law of Moses and of Israel."

When all had resumed their places, the Rabbi continued the services with the cantillation of the seven blessings, receiving a second glass of wine to be crushed in token of the Kedduskin (setting apart) of the woman to be the wife of one man. Again every whisper was hushed, as the voice of the Rabbi repeated the text of the seven benedictions: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine! Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, who hast created everything for Thy glory! Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, who hast formed man after Thy image, in the image and likeness of Thy form, and prepared unto him from himself an everlasting fabric! Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, King of the universe; who hast created man!" And so on, each blessing repeating the same form of invocation as in the opening passage, and concluding with some special attribute of the creative energy conceived in its relation to human affairs. As the cantillation ceased a report of breaking disturbed the silence for an instant, and the voice of the Rabbi was again heard repeating the text of an appropriate psalm.

Among those present at the ceremony were Mrs. J. N. Phillips, Mr. Isaac Moses, Mr. Henry Allan, the Messrs. Kursheedt, Mrs. T. David, the Misses Morrison, Mr. Sydney Phillips, and the members of the two families and their immediate relatives. A reception at Delmonico's in the evening completed the festivities.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—First Lieut. G. P. Benson, United States Marine Corps, has been ordered to proceed to Sitka, Alaska, and report to the commanding officer of the United States steamer Jamestown as the officer detailed to command the marine guard of that vessel.

A board consisting of Rear-Admiral George H. Preble (retired) as President, Naval Constructor John Lenthall, Chief-Engineers G. H. Loring and G. R. Johnson, Commander H. L. Howison, and Naval Constructors T. D. Wilson and G. R. Bouch has been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to meet in Philadelphia, where the iron-clad Terror now lies, and to proceed to Wilmington, Del., where the Amphitrite lies, for the purpose of examining the vessels with a view to reporting whether it is in the interest of the Government to complete them. Another board, consisting of Rear-Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge (retired) as President, Naval Constructor B. F. Delano, Capt. F. M. Ramsay, Chief-Engineer R. L. Harris, Passed Assistant Engineer J. O. Kaiser, Naval Constructor W. L. Mintonye, and Assistant Naval Constructor G. T. Mallett, has been appointed to organize at Chester, Penn., to perform a like service regarding the ironclad Puritan.

First Lieut. William E. Birkhimer, Third Artillery, Acting Signal Officer, now on duty in this City, ordered to Denver, with as little delay as practicable, via San Francisco and Vancouver, Washington Territory, to Dayton, Washington Territory, and assume charge of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the United States military telegraph line.

Hospital Steward Augustus Brigmer, United States Army, is relieved from duty in the Department of Dakota, and ordered to proceed to Whipple Barracks, Arizona Territory.

The leave of absence granted Capt. Harry C. Cushing, Fourth

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

THE NEW-YORK CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ITS LABORS.

DISPOSAL OF THE PRESIDING ELDERSHIP QUESTION—A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE—CHURCH STATISTICS.

The New-York Methodist Episcopal Conference closed its labors yesterday and adjourned for one year. The expected continuation of the debate upon the Presiding Eldership question and the fact that the appointments of Pastors were to be announced drew an audience which filled the Central Church to overflowing. The Rev. R. Wheatley had the floor when the Conference adjourned on Tuesday, and was the first speaker yesterday. He argued that the wide-spread dissatisfaction in the Church was proof of some fault in the constitution, and then cited as objections to the present Presiding Eldership system its expensiveness and comparative uselessness, and said that some people thought it was an injury to the manhood of Methodist Ministers, although that was not his opinion.

The Rev. Dr. J. P. Newman criticised severely the remarks of Dr. Ferris, on Tuesday, concerning the power of the Bishops to "pack" the General Conference. Dr. Newman insisted that such a thing was a mere supposition, and the remotest supposition in the world, "and any man, he continued, "who will stand here and say what Dr. Ferris said, knowing that the deft fingers of the reporters are ready to spread the statement to the world, should be ready to give the proofs."

"I did," said Dr. Ferris, rising.

"No, you didn't," answered Dr. Newman. Dr. Ferris tried to speak, and Dr. Newman declared he would not be interrupted. "I claim my right to hear Dr. Newman without any interruption," exclaimed one of the preachers, but Dr. Ferris succeeded in saying that Dr. Newman was misrepresenting him. "Where?" asked the Doctor. Dr. Ferris explained his statements, and Dr. Newman insisted that on the Doctor's own showing he had caused the false impression to go abroad that the Bishops can "pack" the General Conference. Dr. Newman argued strongly against the proposed change in the present system, and against "waiting for legislation for what legislation is incompetent to do—overcoming the passions of human beings."

The Rev. W. G. Browning supported the argument of Dr. Newman, and then the Rev. Dr. Hare moved to amend the minority report, published in THE TIMES yesterday, by substituting for the second paragraph the following:

Resolved That we recommend such a constitutional change of discipline as will give to Annual Conferences the right to determine the number and boundaries of the several districts within their limits."

This was the same in substance and almost in words as the second resolution offered by the majority of the committee. After a short discussion, the amendment was adopted, and then the minority report, as amended, was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. The New-York Conference, by a large majority, has, in effect, disapproved of the scheme to make the office of Presiding Elder elective, while it has favored the proposal to let the Annual Conferences decide for themselves how many Presiding Elders they shall have.

A number of committees reported were then received, among them that of the Statistical Committee. It showed that the Conference has 49,392 members, including 4,923 probationers, an increase of 793 during the year. There were 583 deaths during the year; 1,114 children and 1,611 adults were baptized; the Church membership is 27,244, an addition of 3%, and they are valued at $3,128,000, a decrease of $109,400. There are 185 parsonages, 6 of which were built during the year, valued at $527,850, an increase of $10,300. Sunday-schools number 456, with 40,110 officers and teachers, and 41,384 scholars. The indebtedness on churches and parsonages is $399,072. The sum of $78,806 was paid last year on old debts. For building and improving church property $67,251 was raised, and for the Conference claimants, worn-out preachers, widows, &c.—$9,809. The support of the ministers cost $177,994, while $28,373 was given to the missionary cause. An invitation from the Central Church at Yonkers to hold the next session there was accepted by the Conference.

Another resolution offered was one declaring it to be the sense of the Conference that any legislation looking toward taxation of church property by the State would be unjust and a virtual tax on morality. Several brethren wanted to discuss this question; but, at Bishop Wiley's suggestion, the resolution was withdrawn. The Bishop read the various Conference committees for the ensuing year, and announced that the Revs. Henry Jackson, J. A. M. Chapman, and Clark Wright had entered the New-York Conference by transfer from other Conferences. The Rev. J. P. MacLellan was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, the Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany to the Philadelphia Conference, and the Rev. John Johns to the New-York East Conference. The list of appointments for the ensuing year was read by Bishop Wiley, as follows:

New-York District.—New-York—M. E. Terry, Presiding Elder; Asbury, J. F. Richmond; Five Points Mission, C. S. Brown; Duane Church, J. W. Ackerly; Washington Square, W. F. Bell; Bedford-Street, J. Floyd; Tompkins-Avenue, Perry-street, J. M. Bunger; Janes-Street, A. Schriver; Central, J. P. Newman; Eighteenth-Street, O. B. Stroebridge; St. Paul's, J. A. M. Chapman; Twenty-third-Street, O. Hartley; Chelsea Church, W. H. Ferris; St. Luke's, M. D'C. Crawford; Forty-third-Street, W. H. Mickle; Forty-fourth-Street, G. A. Gorse; Lexington-Avenue, J. Birkins; St. John's, J. J. Dean; Eighty-third-Street, A. D. Vail; One Hundred and Eleventh-Street, F. M. North; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-Street, L. C. H. Adams; Green, W. E. Blake; St. James', J. Buckley; Washington Heights, G. Draper; Sixty-sixth-Street, E. B. Lockwood; Morrisania, S. R. Kelley; Tremont, P. Borthwick; Fordham, to be supplied; St. Stephen's, to be supplied; Wesley, J. Lanahan; Madison-Avenue, Thirty-fifth-Street, A. Stephens; Franklin-Street, G. S. Merrill; St. Mark's, R. A. Reed; Chinese Mission, to be supplied. Yonkers—First Church, Delos Latin; Central, J. Mitchell; Tuckahoe, G. W. Corbusier; Hartsdale, A. N. Muniz. White Plains—First Church, T. Lodge; Memorial, G. H. Gregory; Ashford, A. Davis; Dobb's Ferry, J. H. Hawkshurst; Irvington, R. H. Lowe; Tarrytown, Asbury; Sleepy Hollow, G. H. Corey; Sing Sing, J. Y. Bates; North Sing Sing, W. G. Lent; Kensico and Armonk, J. Keegan; Pleasantville, W. C. Smith; New-Castle, S. Keacham; Croton Lake, A. Coons; Croton Landing, J. H. Lent; Rosebobel, Centerville and Furnace Woods, C. S. Bond; Oscaqua, Putnam Valley, and Oregon, M. M. Corris; Baldwin's Place and Crompond, J. Cornell; Peekskill, J. Roberts; Katonah, F. Germon; Peekskill—South-Street, R. H. Birch; St. Paul's, G. R. Crooks; Shrub Oaks, A. M. Gabon; Mount Zion, T. Symons; Golden's Bridge and Croton River, G. H. Reynolds; Bedford, J. Lowe; Somersworth, Purdy and North; Salem, G. W. Knapp; Cyrus W. Foss, President of Wesleyan University, member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference; Willey, member of Drew Theological Seminary, member of Sing Sing Quarterly Conference; C. C. McCabe, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference; W. C. Brown, Secretary of the Missionary Society; J. A. Leal, missionary to Bulgaria.

Poughkeepsie District.—A. K. Sanford, Presiding Elder; Poughkeepsie—Washington-Street, J. S. Stone; Market-Street, W. W. Seyer; Hedding Church, E. Lewis; Hyde Park and Staatsburg, S. F. Galloway; Hillside and Riverside, J. P. Buxton; Rhinebeck, J. G. Dobbs; Red Hook, W. H. Hoag; Germantown and Madalin, J. Daniels; Hudson—First Church, F. L. Wilson; St. John's, W. M. Chipp, Supernumary; Stockport, J. Birch; Claverack, and Philmech, W. Van Ness; Hillsdale, J. Wright; Ancram and Gleneco Mills, C. Seger; Chatham Village, B. J. McCutcheon; Spencertown and Hardenville, Alex Vail; East Chatham and Valley Rock, G. B. Overmyer; Copake and Richmond, H. W. Byrnes; Lenox and Lenox Furnace, to be supplied; Lee, W. E. Clarke; Tyringham, R. F. Eisten; Housatonic, W. S. Winans, Jr.; Hartsville, to be supplied; Great Barrington, J. W. Mecomber; Great Barrington and Alford, E. H. Royce; Sheffield, J. Buck; West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, and Glendale, E. Hermance; North Canaan and Ashley Falls, W. A. Mackey; Norfolk and Gaylordville, J. Millard; Winsted, J. Millard; Gaylordville, R. Ray; Wing Station, D. Gibson; Brewster, V. N. Traver; Carmel and Drewville, G. S. Smyth; New-Fairfield and Hayland Hollow, W. Blake; Pawling and Beekman, R. Hunt; Dover Plains, S. Price; Amenia, J. N. Ramsey; Lithgow, J. H. Swarman; Sharon and Amenia Union, J. C. Hoyt; Millerton, A. J. Mitchell; Salisbury, S. T. White; Hillsdale, Alfred Coons; North Hillsdale and Copake Mills, O. P. Crandell; Copake, N. H. Bangs; Ancram, R. C. Masters; Union and Jackson's Corners and West Galatia, H. S. Mott; Milan and Rhinebeck, J. Sangster; Pine Plains, Valley and Washington Hollow, F. S. Lent; Verbank, to be supplied; Poughquag, D. D. Gillespie; Johnsville, T. Carman; Pleasant Glen, Glenham, E. P. Backus; North Highlands, W. Stevens; Cold Spring, D. L. Marks; Garrison, G. S. Clark; Fort Montgomery, H. Coons; West Point, A. Wheatley; Fishkill on the Hudson, A. Cavander; Wappingers, O. R. North; New-Hamburg and Carthage Landing, M. E. Lent; Wappinger's Falls, A. H. Ferguson; Lagrangeville and North Clove, C. Gorse; A. F. Flack, President of Hadley River Institute, member of Clinton Quarterly Conference.

Poughkeepsie District.—L. H. King, Presiding Elder; Pratsville, L. S. Brown; Roxbury, J. P. Burger; Gilboa, W. K. Gess; North Blenheim, J. Ostrander; Jefferson, J. Fowler; Durham, M. Conahman; Oak Hill, A. Gaylord; Greenville, I. E. Vandewater; Coeymans's and South Bethlehem, T. W. Chadwick; New-Baltimore, G. A. M. Chapman; Twenty-fifth-Street, G. Haviland; Chelsea Church, W. H. Ferris; St. Luke's, M. D'C. Crawford; Forty-third-Street, W. H. Mickle; Forty-fourth-Street, G. A. Gorse; Lexington-Avenue, J. Birkins; St. John's, J. J. Dean; Eighty-third-Street, A. D. Vail; One Hundred and Eleventh-Street, F. M. North; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-Street, L. C. H. Adams; Green, W. E. Blake; St.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE—The Master or How to Marry.
UNION-SQUARE THEATRE—The Two Orphans.
BIJOU OPERA-HOUSE—Aesa Aso, &c.
HAVERLY'S THEATRE—Widow Bedott.
DALY'S THEATRE—The Royal Middy.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—Mazeppa Minstrels.
THEATRE COMIQUE—Muldoon Guards Reunion.
PARK THEATRE—Little Detective.
SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS—Bailey's Frauds.
STANDARD THEATRE—Nina.
THE AQUARIUM—Curiosities—Circus, Matinée.
CHICKERING HALL—Musical Entertainment.
FIFTH-AVENUE—At 2 P. M.—Le Pas aux Chenes.
AMERICAN INSTITUTE—Barnum's Show, Matinée.
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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, warmer, clear, or partly cloudy weather, north-west winds, backing to westerly, rising, followed by falling barometer.

Men who dread centralization will view with alarm the bill which has just been reported from the House Committee on the Militia. It is not only a new and radical departure, but it is the first bill of any importance reported from that committee since 1862, when actual hostilities made necessary the enactment of several laws regulating the manner in which the Militia of the States should be absorbed into the national forces. The proposed statute contemplates a thorough readjustment of all the relations now existing between the National Government and the States, as regards the Militia. The National Guard, as it is to be called, is to be divided into two bodies—the reserve and the active forces—and is to consist of all able-bodied citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years, the active Militia including those in the service of the State as volunteers. The novel feature of the new system is the placing of an enlarged controlling power over the National Guard in the hands of the United States Government. This is to be accomplished by providing uniforms, arms, accoutrements, and other material, at the cost of the National Government, and by a system of national supervision over the whole body of volunteer troops in time of peace. The effect of all this will be to raise the standard of efficiency, of the Militia throughout the United States, create a uniform organization, assist poor States in the cost of maintaining their Militia service, and increase the cost of the whole to the United States.

Few people outside of Nebraska know that there is a band of Indians, known as the Santees, domesticated within the boundaries of that State. Yet, as if these people were warlike, troublesome, and dangerous neighbors, Senator SAUNDERS yesterday introduced a proposition to remove them to the old Ponca reservation in Dakota. Senator SAUNDERS would not only drive out of his own State a peaceful, self-supporting, and industrious people, but he would settle them upon lands from which another peaceful and industrious people have just been expelled in violation of every principle of equity and justice. It is amazing that a Senator of the United States should offer a proposition so brutal and mean as this. The people of Nebraska, according to the Senator, want the Santee lands, and, since they cannot provoke the Indians to war, as in other States, they propose to evict them "on general principles." With such men as Mr. SAUNDERS in Congress, is it any wonder that no Indian has any rights that a white man is bound to respect?

A Representative from Illinois, SPARKS by name, and fiery by nature, created a brief diversion in the House yesterday by using the offensive epithet of "liar" for the reproval of Mr. HENRY CLYMER, of Pennsylvania. Mr. CLYMER seems to have kept his temper and his reputation for veracity, while the fiery SPARKS did not. Of course, while there is in the House one such blackguard as the Representative from Illinois, similar disgraceful scenes are possible. They would not be possible, however, if the House were to make a scalding example of the offender. In this case, some of the political friends of SPARKS seemed to think that if he "made it up" with the gentleman whom he had insulted, the House had no further concern in the matter. But the Illinois person was compelled to withdraw his offensive remarks absolutely, a majority of the members very properly considering that the dignity of the House of Representatives had been invaded, as well as that of Mr. HENRY CLYMER. The House is usually very ready to bring to its bar any outside person who is supposed to have committed an insult against the prerogatives and dignities of that high and mighty body. If some of its own members were occasionally brought to book in the same way, the House would have a better reputation for dignity.

Prince BISMARCK's resignation turns out to be merely a protest against the existing distribution of votes in the Bundesrath, or Federal Council. That is to say, the Federal Chancellor will only resume his office on the condition that the Constitution of the German Empire, not yet ten years old, is remodeled to suit his views. The Bundesrath is the counterpart of the United States Senate, and has all the obvious inequalities as a representative body which belong to the upper branch of Congress. As Rhode Island, with less than 5 per cent., or as Nevada, with less than 2 per cent., of the population of New-York, has as much influence as the Empire State in the Senate, so a score of Principalities, Duchies, and free towns, with less than 25 per cent. of the population of Prussia, outweigh the influence of the mother Kingdom in the German Federal Council. That is doubtless a substantial grievance to Prussia, whether or not the inequality recognized and consecrated by our fundamental law be a grievance in the United States. Prince BISMARCK's resignation means, therefore, a fresh protest against particularism, a new effort in the direction of centralization, and an open confession that the German Constitution is a failure.

An incident like this helps Americans to understand why it is that foreign observers of their institutions are so strongly impressed with their conservatism. No party, and, certainly, no prominent public man, has ever dared to make the reconstruction of the United States Senate a political or a personal issue. In fact, our reverence for the fundamental law of the Union has been pushed so far as to include the "unwritten" and totally irrelevant tradition of the fathers of the country, as witness the discussions over a third term. It may be that the position of the German Empire as a military State, and of its Federal Council as the body whose consent is necessary to other than a purely defensive war, is not exactly parallel to the position of the United States. But all the arguments on the score of population, territorial magnitude, &c., which are used to upset the Bundesrath as now constituted, could be applied with equal force to our own Senate. And, in any case, the fact remains that we possess a written Constitution, which is calculated to stand the shocks of time and change as no similar instrument yet devised by man has done, and that we enjoy in that a guarantee of political stability in which the oldest monarchy and the newest Empire of Europe are alike deficient.

THE MERCHANTS' REFORM.

During the past two days the Committee of Ways and Means has been hearing explanations and arguments from members of the New-York Chamber of Commerce and from the counsel of that body regarding a bill proposing radical changes in the mode of collecting Customs duties. These gentlemen represent one of the most important commercial organizations in the United States, and, considering the various branches of foreign trade, probably the one entitled to most authority in matters of this sort. The statements which they have made to the Committee of Ways and Means are extremely interesting. The difficulties, annoyances, loss, expense, and delay to which importers are exposed under our present Customs system are simply incredible to any one who has not examined them with some care. But these gentlemen recount them from their own experience and observation. They are business men of unimpeachable character and unusual intelligence; they are not open to the shadow of a suspicion of any desire to take an undue advantage of the Government; they are entirely willing to pay all the duty that the law requires; they only desire that the duty, while it remains, shall be collected with the greatest certainty and least expense to the Government, and with the least delay and greatest impartiality as concerns the importer. Their arguments have nothing directly to do with the question of protection or free trade, and what force they have is the greater on account of the higher duties. For Customs duties are primarily and essentially a tax, and the heavier taxation is, the more effort should be made to collect it as cheaply, easily, and quickly, and with as little interference with the business on which it falls as possible.

The principal difficulty with our tariff, and the one which gives rise to the greater part of the troubles of which the merchants justly complain, is the fact that so large a proportion of the duties levied are *ad valorem*, are based on the value of the taxed goods. Under our present system, the value on which the tax is calculated is the value at the place of purchase, to which is added the cost of bringing the goods to the port of entry. Practically, therefore, it is intended to be the average cost at the port of entry, ascertained by an inspection of the foreign value and the expense of importation. This inspection rests primarily on the invoice of the importer checked by the certificate of the United States Consul at the nearest available point to the place of purchase, and further checked by the certificate of the Appraiser at the port of entry. The object of the inspection, however, is to ascertain the probable actual cost at the moment and place of importation. The process is at once complicated and defective. The Consular certificate is worth but little, since it is impossible that any Government officer can be an expert in the market value of an indefinite variety of goods. The appraisal at the port of entry is much more trustworthy, but it is very far from being completely so, while the formalities required by law, and regulations having the force of law, to aid the Government in its work, have grown to be oppressive, costly, and to a great extent ineffective.

The gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce propose to substitute for the value abroad as now calculated by the Government officers, the market value at the port of entry, to be ascertained by the declaration of the importer; the correctness of this declaration to be tested by the Government having the right to purchase the invoice at 10 per cent. advance on the declared value. For a large portion of the goods imported at the principal ports of the United States, it is probable that this system would work reasonably well. For all staple goods, for which a general market exists, it is likely that a fair valuation would usually be given, because the Government would be in a position to get its money back, and the importer would lose the amount by which he had undervalued his goods. Obviously, if the system would work, it would have very great advantages. It would dispense with Consular certificates—and to a great extent with Consuls; it would do away with the Appraisers' office—a most expensive and elaborate organization; it would save a great deal of time and labor and money to the importer, and render his goods proportionately cheaper to the consumer. Presumably, also, the gentlemen who present this system to Congressional consideration know their own business, and their good faith being undoubted, their proposition is likely to be a feasible one. But it is open to some objections which, as reported, their remarks before the committee do not meet. The drag-net of the American tariff embraces nearly 1,500 different designations of dutiable goods. Among these are many which have a very fluctuating value, and for which, especially in ports other than the principal ones, there cannot be said to be a steady market. The efficiency of the proposed system depends on the Government being able to get back its purchase money for goods taken from an importer with reasonable ease and security. For the disposition of the kind of goods to which we have referred, the Government does not possess the requisite machinery, and even a few cases of serious loss would be apt to interfere very decidedly with the collection of the revenue, since it would render the officers afraid to apply the check on which the whole system rests. We should say that the bill of the merchants is too sweeping, that it provides for a revolution in the service which it would be hazardous to undertake, and that it would be wiser to apply it, at first, to certain designated classes of goods, the experience with which might lead to its extension, and would certainly test its excellence.

But this or any other system of reform is at best and necessarily a *pis aller*. It does not remove the cause of the difficulties, and cannot. That lies in the radical features of the tariff, in the high rates, the vast scope of taxation, its indiscriminate and inconsistent distribution, and in the utterly unprecedented extent to which the ad valorem rate is employed. Aggravating the difficulties from these sources is the generally unbusiness-like and perverted civil service, in which appointments are made for political reasons, in which there is no security of tenure, little training, lax discipline, and general inefficiency. Until merchants are prepared to take up these phases of this important subject, and to deal with them energetically and persistently, they will but scratch the surface of the field of reform, and will continue to trim away specific abuses, only to see a crop of others, like noxious weeds, spring from the same roots.

MASSACHUSETTS IN THE CANVASS.

The Republicans of Massachusetts will hold their convention next week to select delegates at large to the national nominating body at Chicago, and indications appear here and there of a somewhat overpowering sense of the importance of their action. It may be doubted whether the influence of the Old Bay State is quite so powerful and far-reaching as its people are apt to think, but its position is by no means a matter of indifference. Its citizens have long constituted a sort of advance-guard for the country in political intelligence and character, and though the relative importance and influence of the Commonwealth have declined very materially, and other States may modestly claim to have pretty nearly overtaken it, its precept and example are still regarded with respect. When the issues which formerly united and inspired the Republican Party with one purpose were vital and urgent, Massachusetts never wavered in her support, but her people were always given to independent ways of thinking, and just now the Republican portion of them exhibit a remarkable diversity of opinion on the subject of Presidential candidates. No considerable portion of them appear to agree in favor of any particular person or in opposition to any one favored elsewhere, though those who have antipathies display far more zeal and activity than those who have sympathies. There is a probability that a semblance of agreement will be maintained in the State Convention by selecting delegates unpledged and uninstructed, but only the four delegates at large will be appointed, the others being chosen by District Conventions. Hence, the Massachusetts delegation is likely to go to Chicago fairly representing the diversity of sentiment in the State, but without the power and influence derived from a unity of purpose.

It is a somewhat curious fact that the one effort that is making in that State toward such unity is directed to negative instead of positive action, is aimed at the defeat, and not the success, of one of the men already favored as candidates. It is a destructive and not a constructive effort, and is, therefore, the easiest and least helpful of all possible action. An anti-Grant address to the Republicans of Massachusetts has been put forth, to which is appended a list of over a hundred names, all presumably those of more or less active Republicans, but few recognizable by people who have not a wide and familiar acquaintance with the citizens of the State. Those of E. R. HOAR, HENRY L. PIERCE, FRANCIS PARKMAN, JOHN M. FORBES, ALPHEUS HARDY, and President CHADBOURNE, of Williams College, have something more than a local repute. These gentlemen and their fellow-signers, while making a direct fulmination against the candidacy of Gen. GRANT, advise the sending of delegates to the National Convention "who will meet their brethren from other States for conference and deliberation, doing their best to unite upon a candidate who is worthy in all respects and who will receive the support of all Republicans." This is rather a lame way of favoring an unpledged delegation, but the address has no moral or practical purpose, unless to secure a pledge against a particular candidate who is likely to be the preference of a majority of the "brethren from other States," with whom Massachusetts Republicans are advised to confer and deliberate in such a fraternal way. This is certainly the most mischievous kind of a pledge to exact or to expect. There is little use of conference and deliberation with such a reservation. It was to be expected that Gen. GRANT or any other prominent candidate whose merits might be discussed, would meet with opposition in Massachusetts, and, indeed, everywhere else. There is at least an equally strong sentiment of opposition in that State to Senator BLAINE and Secretary SHERMAN. Why not include them in the excluded list, or even extend it until there should be no one left but the favorite of the special advisers of the Republican Party? What has Gen. GRANT done against the United States or the Republican Party that he alone is to be branded as one whose merits and claims are not even to be considered?

The address does not leave us wholly in the dark on this point. He has served the country already for two terms, and such men as Judge HOAR and Mr. PARKMAN stoop so low for an argument as to put this forth as the main reason for not trusting him again, and to repeat the twaddle about the example of WASHINGTON and the rest. It would not amaze us if the people of the country were to rise up to vindicate their own independence and get rid of the pretended restriction upon their liberty of choice, by choosing the ex-President for this, if for no other reason. The argument based upon this precedent, which is no way a precedent except that it happens to be a historical fact, is an insult to their intelligence. "The fortunes of this man or that man ought not to be set against the present or future interests of our country," quoth the self-constituted Board of Advisers. Who cares for the fortunes of this man or that man as such, and why does the statement apply more to one man than another? If any man is exceptional, it is his character and qualifications that make him so; and if his being exceptional in prominence is against him, why, then, character and qualifications are to be not rid of. "A considerable body of Republicans," we are told, are dissatisfied with some of his methods and affiliations in the past. Show us somebody who has done anything and has satisfied everybody. Again, it is said, the canvass would "turn upon a defense of his measures and his methods, instead of turning upon the exigent issues of the day," but if any one fact is plain, it is that the exigent issues of the day are the one thing that suggested and excused the proposed nomination. The signers of the address speak of the effort "to force the nomination" of the ex-President, whereas it has thus far forced itself against no little resistance, and is the only one thought of that has in no sense been worked up. It may or may not be wise or expedient; that is for the National Convention to consider. But its opponents are wonderfully poor in argument and unfortunate in the use of logic, and when they set out to secure harmony in the party by antagonizing in advance the choice of its largest section, they simply stultify themselves.

THE FUSION SCHEME IN VIRGINIA.

Soon after the war, when the Republican Party came into power in Virginia, the Constitution, which is substantially the same under which the people of that State are now living, was perfected and adopted by the Republican leaders. Acting in sympathy with the traditions of their party, and living up to its principles, the men in question placed in that Constitution an article which fully recognized the public debt of the State, and called upon the Legislature to take such steps as would provide for its payment. Subsequent to the passage of the Constitution, every Republican in the General Assembly, with a single exception, voted for what is known as the Funding bill of 1871, which made what was then regarded as full provision for the payment of the debt. From that time on, for a number of years, the Republicans never wavered in their fidelity to the just cause of the bondholders, and no matter how harshly they might be criticised for gross ignorance of parliamentary rules and affairs of state, it could, at least, be said in their favor that they made every effort to uphold the credit of the Commonwealth, and deal fairly with the people who confided their money to the keeping of Virginia's citizens.

The Republicans of the State continued to occupy this position until a very recent period. When the soft-money craze was at its height a number of designing white men, who had been stanch Democrats, for their own purposes, organized what is known as the Readjusters' Party, the cardinal principle of which is the repudiation of the State debt. At once they were joined by a large body of the Democrats, who were only too ready to jump at any scheme, no matter how disreputable, unscrupulous, or dishonorable, which promised to reduce their taxes by a few mills. Deceived by false representations and by the statement frequently made that by so doing they would divide and defeat the Democracy, the colored men, who constitute the bulk of the Republican Party in Virginia as in other parts of the South, against the most earnest appeals of their wisest leaders, joined themselves to the new movement. By their aid, the Readjusters obtained a majority in the General Assembly, and Gen. MAHONE, an ex-Confederate, who stood at the head of the repudiators, was elected to the United States Senate. Since this first great success, Gen. MAHONE has been at much pains to hold the votes of the colored people, and by their influence to control the politics of his State. The latest device in this direction which has been adopted by himself and his henchmen is well worthy of even more adroit politicians, and though it is just a little too transparent to deceive the initiated, it is well calculated to entrap the unwary negroes. The scheme in question is no more or less than a proposition to nominate a Fusion Electoral ticket which shall be pledged to no candidate. To induce the colored voters to join in such a movement it has been represented to them that such a ticket would be surely elected, and that every one of the Fusion Electors, unpledged though they were, would, when the time came, cast their votes for Gen. GRANT, thereby insuring a break in the solid South, and the certain defeat of the Democratic nominee, whoever he might be. Further, in the same direction, it has been represented by members of public speakers that Messrs. LOGAN, BLAINE, EDMUNDS, CONKLING, and other Republicans of national reputation, were favorable to the scheme. Mr. J. AMBER SMITH, who was a Republican member of Congress from Virginia, is said to have recently made this statement at a public meeting in Richmond, and Senator CONKLING, upon the ground that any such movement as the one in question would be prejudicial to the interests of Gen. GRANT, has taken the trouble to have published an unqualified denial of any sympathy with it.

Despite the ground upon which this denial is made, there is some reason to believe that Gen. MAHONE and others of the Readjusters are sincere in their professions of a desire, under certain circumstances, to favor the election of the Republican candidate for the Presidency. It is almost certain that they would throw all their strength for Gen. GRANT, as against Mr. TILDEN, and there is hardly a doubt that through their influence the negroes would be allowed to vote freely; that their votes would be counted with reasonable fairness; and that the State would thus be carried for the distinguished ex-President. While this result might be obtained, however, that is to say, while it is reasonably certain that a union of the Republicans and Readjusters on the Presidential question would lead to the defeat of the Electoral ticket put forward by the Virginia Democrats, it is still more certain that any such union and its sanction by the national Republican organization would do the party incalculable injury throughout the country. The Convention of Virginia Republicans which, on the 21st inst., meets at Staunton to elect delegates to Chicago, should be guided only by the example of the national leaders of the party, who have so frequently declared in favor of honest money, and the honest payment to the last penny of all debts public and private. The Republicans of Virginia, standing upon an honest platform, can better afford to be defeated by the trickery, ballot-box stuffing, and false counts of their antagonists than they can to succeed by a union with a set of unscrupulous demagogues and repudiators. If, despite the warning of their best friends, hoping for a little temporary advantage, they make such a union and send Fusion delegates to Chicago, it is a question whether or not the National Convention could, in justice to itself, admit them.

FORCED FRATERNITY.

Between the homeopathic physician and the so-called regular physician, or adherent of the old school of practice, there has been a great gulf fixed by the action of the numerous old-school medical societies. These have forbidden their members to consult with homeopaths in any circumstances. A regular physician may have the highest respect for his brother practitioner of the homeopathic faith. He may recognize the fact that the latter has more education and experience than he has himself, and that however much the two may differ in their theories of the action of drugs, the homeopath is honest and capable. Nevertheless, they cannot meet in consultation. The regular physician cannot ask the homeopath's opinion of the proper treatment of any particular patient; neither can he accept the homeopath's invitation to a consultation in the case of one of the latter's patients. If he does venture to be guilty of such a crime, his medical association straightway rises up and casts him out with contemptuous and insulting language.

Mr. HUSTED is determined to put an end to this discrimination against the homeopaths, and to that end he has introduced into the Assembly a bill which will fill the homeopaths with exultation and cause the medical societies to tremble in their associated shoes. The bill provides that physicians of any school recognized by the laws of this State may consult with physicians of any other school similarly recognized, and that no county, State, or local medical society shall in any way discipline or punish any of its members for giving aid, assistance, or counsel to any variety of physician.

There are, of course, many homeopathic physicians who have no desire to consult with those of the rival school, and to whom the passage or defeat of Mr. HUSTED's bill will be a matter of indifference. On the other hand, there are, undoubtedly, young and ardent homeopaths who have felt indignant at the way in which hostile physicians have treated them, and who will be glad to avail themselves of Mr. HUSTED's law. Its passage will thus be followed by numerous and violent consultations. Armed with a copy of the law, and supported by a policeman, the vengeful homeopath will summon the nearest old-school physician to come and consult with him at the bedside of a patient. He will drag the unwilling man to the sick-room, and force opinions from him with the policeman's club. He cannot compel the old-school physician to summon him to consultation, but he will break his spirit and force him to neglect his own practice, by dragging him, at all hours of the day and night, to unwelcome consultations. The medical societies will be helpless to protect their members, and the spectacle of an unfortunate regular physician, in the grasp of a policeman, going, with torn coat, flushed face, and angry exclamations, to a professional consultation, will become a matter of daily occurrence.

Mr. HUSTED should not confine his efforts to forcibly promote good feeling and fraternal intercourse to the medical profession alone. There are the Baptists, who refuse to consider other Christians as church members unless they have been regularly immersed. The Baptist minister who admits to the communion a Presbyterian minister who has merely been sprinkled subjects himself to an ecclesiastical court-martial, and is liable to severe punishment. Mr. HUSTED must put a stop to this exclusiveness. He must introduce a bill providing that any Christian belonging to a sect recognized by the State shall be permitted to communicate with any member of any other recognized sect; and forbidding all Baptist associations to punish or discipline a Baptist who unites with unimmersed Christians at the communion-table. Then, there are the Episcopalians, who deny the validity of the ordination of Baptist or Presbyterian ministers, and refuse to admit them to their pulpits. Another law is clearly needed for the relief of an Episcopally-ordained minister. The Episcopalian clergy should be compelled to admit all ministers of sects recognized by the State to their pulpits, and should be forbidden to discipline clergymen who receive the communion from Baptists, Presbyterians, or Methodists. We must have fraternal feeling among all Christians, even if we have to fine and imprison three-fourths of all the ministers. The Presbyterian must be admitted to the Baptist communion-table, if it takes a whole platoon of policemen to enforce his claim, and the Baptist must be allowed to preach in Episcopalian churches, if the entire congregation has to be handcuffed and tied to the seats. Thus we shall have harmony among all the sects, and Mr. HUSTED will have accomplished as great a reform in the religious world as he is now trying to accomplish among physicians.

Of course, there are fault-finders who will claim that it is useless to try to promote fraternity by force of law. They will assert that Mr. HUSTED's effort to compel old school physicians to recognize the homeopaths as their professional equals is foolish and impracticable, and that any attempt to interfere with the regulations of medical associations or the laws of different churches and denominations is as preposterous as it is undesirable. Thus are the efforts of all great reformers opposed and derided by weak and ill-tempered opponents. Mr. HUSTED will not be deterred by any such arguments. He is bound to make physicians love one another, if there is any authority left in the Legislature and in our courts, and when he has done this he will undoubtedly extend his noble and beneficent work to the rival denominations that now treat one another almost as unfairly as the old-school physicians treat the homeopaths.

It is a singular fact that there is no standard form of the arms of this State extant, but it is even more singular to read of the changes, which, like Topsy, have "growed" up in the course of years, and which have no better excuse than the whims of artists, or carelessness on the part of those charged with reproducing the arms on public documents. Attention was first attracted to the subject by the request of the Centennial Exposition Commissioners for an authentic copy of the arms, and since then the subject has been investigated by HENRY A. HOLME, of the State Library, who has recently published the result of his investigations. Upon searching the records no adequate description of the arms could be found. There is a record, however, of the adoption, in 1778, of a coat of arms designed by LEWIS MORRIS, JOHN JAY, and JOHN STORM HOBART, and three copies made before 1785, are known. One is upon a military commission issued by Gov. CLINTON in 1779, a second was painted on the flag of the Third Regiment, and a third is a picture hung over Gov. CLINTON's pew in St. Paul's Church in this City in 1785. Even these differ somewhat, but from the last was made the copy for Independence Hall and as the original design is part of the history of the State, it is to be hoped that legislation will, if necessary, be invoked to prevent future eccentricities. The true design consists "of a shield, broad at the base, upon which are pictured a placid stream, probably the Hudson, with two vessels approaching each other. In the foreground is pictured a level bank with shrubbery. On the opposite shore are three mountain peaks, probably representing the Highlands, from which the sun, with resplendent rays, is just rising. Above the shield is two-thirds of a globe, showing part of America and Europe, surmounted by a heraldic eagle, not the American eagle of to-day. On the right of the shield stands the figure of Liberty, robed. In her right hand is an upright staff, surmounted with a liberty cap. Her left supports the shield. Her left foot rests upon an overturned crown, a symbol of emancipation from monarchical institutions. On the left of the shield stands the figure of Justice, robed. In her right hand is a sword, point upward, and in her left an even balance. The arm is partially extended, holding the balance free from her body. The eyes are blindfolded, and the countenance has an expression of intent listening. Under the shield is the motto, 'Excelsior.'" That is said to be the coat of arms of this State as it originally was, and as it is rarely less. Liberty and Justice, either or both, are usually represented indifferently, as sitting or standing, and more less blotted. The river is sometimes an ocean; the ships and the mountains are not always seen, and sometimes a railroad train is introduced; the crown under the foot of Liberty disappeared—it is to be hoped not forever—90 years ago. Justice sometimes loses her scales and bandage, and is often made to carry her sword downward, while the eagle is not the same bird at all or scarcely any two examples. The civil list for 1880 gives the revised arms, and the new and commendable rage for the old and true will scarcely permit it to again vary.

The proceedings of the conference between the Boards of Charities of Massachusetts and New-York in November last, now published in pamphlet form, place the grievances of this State in the clearest light. The trouble arose from an agreement entered into in 1860, by which pauper immigrants who landed Massachusetts through the port of New-York could be returned to the care of this State, and, on the other hand, Massachusetts charged itself with the care of pauper immigrants coming to this State via Boston. Obviously, the current set all one way, because nearly all the immigrants land at New-York. Moreover, according to the letter of the agreement, but not according to its intent, Massachusetts sent back to this State immigrants whose original point of destination had been in Massachusetts, and who were no more chargeable to this State than any other passengers in transitu. Upon these facts appearing, the agreement was rescinded, but Massachusetts cheerfully continues to well our pauper population to a number approaching 1,000 annually. Speaking exactly, the State now cares for 526 foreign paupers, and Massachusetts sent us, between 1870 and 1878, 7,005 of the dependent class. If other States pursued the policy of Massachusetts, the burden to New-York would be intolerable; and, even as it is, the subject merits serious attention in a year when immigration has reached twice what it was in 1879, and three times what it was in 1877, and promises to exceed all recent experience. And this is but a part of the grievance of New-York. Massachusetts also passes along to this State (1) persons coming from this State, but long residents of Massachusetts, where they become dependents upon public aid, and (2) persons belonging to other States and Canada, who are sent here without means to continue their journey. New-York sufferers, to be sure, defeat itself by continuing the passing-along process; but local treaties of inter-State comity are not productive of the good feeling which should exist between neighbors, and the policy of retaliation is furthermore to be deprecated on every ground of justice. The Massachusetts Board is said to be now considering the subject. The presumption, therefore, is that it will see the propriety and necessity of a reform in this matter; but if it fails to do so, the aid of the courts and legislators must be invoked.

Every old Californian remembers the name of JOHN NUGENT, editor of the San Francisco *Herald*, in the first gold excitement on the Pacific slope. He was once famous and a power there; but his death, a few days ago, at San Leandro, hardly attracted any notice, so entirely had the time gone by for him. He was a striking exemplification of the serious consequences of misapprehension in journalism. He had founded the *Herald*, the original newspaper there of this name, and had conducted it in so vigorous a manner that it rose to eminence and prosperity, and his articles, read with eagerness, carried great weight. It was the leading journal of that region, and had no formidable competition. But during the Vigilance Committee period of 1856, he, failing to catch the tone of public sentiment, earnestly opposed the committee, then sustained by the best and strongest people in the chaotic semi-barbarous community. The *Herald's* opposition was so vehemently resented that all the principal merchants and tradesmen withdrew their advertising patronage in a body, and the sheet, though emphasizing its position, and declaring its indifference to the source of its advertisements would not support itself. It was discontinued for two or three months, and NUGENT, thrown out of his place, was so unpopular that he could not for the time get a new one. He had many friends, however, and they all so believed in his ability that, 12 years later, they agreed to help him revive his journal. The new *Herald* appeared with much parade and pretension, and its editorials, written or inspired by him, were heavy, labored, and florid to a degree that provoked ridicule. They would have been accepted and lined in 1856 or 1858, but the public had altered meanwhile, and refused to be content with solemn footing. The paper could not secure a hold, its monetary backers perceived this and withdrew, forcing it into a second and everlasting eclipse. Since then NUGENT had led a precarious and disastrous life. His failures had, as generally happens, increased, rather than lessened, his egotism, always abundant. He made the mistake of thinking that he was in advance, instead of behind, the day, and he probably died, poor fellow, convinced that he was a great journalist whom the world could not properly appreciate. He loved show and glitter; the *Herald* office was fitted up in a costly, ostentatious way that has scarcely been equaled since in San Francisco. JOHN NUGENT was not very old, but he had lived too long, for he had outlived his generation, and was incapable of comprehending the new order of things. There are many John Nugents in all the walks of the world, and they are particularly plenty in this ever-shifting Republic.

Nobody acquainted with Berlin would call it a handsome or interesting city. Situation, climate, architecture, customs, and manners, particularly since the war with France, are dead against it. Americans go there a great deal, though they seldom stay long, finding other capitals, if not far more attractive, far less unattractive. The English have of late formed a marked aversion to it, and their journalists and authors have taken to writing it down vigorously. One of these has been expressing his opinions, not without bias, plainly, but with extreme acerbity. He pronounces Berlin the fitting place for KEYSER'S "Tartuffe among Nations," the proper capital of the new iron-handed, brazen-headed Empire of craft and force. It is ostentatious but unprepossessing, pretentious but unpleasant, stately but dull. The Viennese speak of it as the sand-box of Germany; the Bostonian named it as the Athens of the Spree. It owns a mingled flavor of brutality and intellect, of pride and meanness, of show and sordidness, of science and ignorance, of philosophy and prejudice, which separates it from other important capitals. It is full of contradiction and sham, as its architecture indicates. Assuming to be built of stone, it is all stucco and plaster. Designed, apparently, for trade and society, it is the home of military despotism and carefully prepared for prompt suppression of, all liberty and all liberal uprisings. To outward seeming, it is universally educated, exceptionally intelligent, abnormally prosperous, supremely loyal. Actually, it is but the centre of a grand military system. Its many ruffians are the worst in Europe; its press is worthless and corrupt; its theatres poor and monotonous; its people foktish and unpatriotic. Its population contains 60,000 masculine Socialists; it is indifferent at heart; it is boiling over with debauchery. The Berliners are ugly in person and disposition, and their ill looks are not improved by spectacles, worn alike by young and old. The town is very unhealthy, and may at any time be a prey to a destructive epidemic. Local sanitation, not being necessary to the German Army, is totally neglected. There are no sewers worthy of the name, and the air is most malodorous. It is burdened with caste, and divided and subdivided into petty cliques. A pompous and ridiculous etiquette prevails everywhere; but good manners, or even social decency, are rarely considered. The women are singularly unattractive; have, vulgar faces, big feet and hands; eat with their knives, and drink beer to stupefaction. It is evident that some of our English cousins so heartily dislike Berlin that they can see very little, if any, good in its entirety.

Prince PAUL DEMIDOFF has for years attracted a deal of attention in Paris, and since he disposed of his San Donato art collection, the boulevard journals have many references to his life and peculiarities. He can certainly be set down among the cosmopolitan millionaires. He is now 39. When he went to Paris he was but 18, and, not having entered into possession of his fortune—his uncle was then living—his income was quite modest. He was handsome, being tall, slender, elegant in form and manners. His complexion was pale, though somewhat bronzed; his hair and mustache brown; his forehead open and high; his eyes light-blue, soft and languid, veiled by long lashes. Under a skin of satin he had muscles of steel; he was made to resist life and triumph over life. He always wore shoes, a short coat, and round hat, and never a waistcoat, even in the coldest weather. He hired furnished lodgings at No. 25 Faubourg Saint Honoré, and there began his famous suppers and suppers, to which men alone were invited. Soon after he became a member of the Cercle de la Rue Royale. He was not, however, a regular gamester; he played only at times, but played boldly and heavily, as the DEMIDOFFS have always done. From the Faubourg he removed to the Rue du Marché d'Aguesseau, taking with him the same merry fellows, at whose head were GRAMMONT, CABROUNOF, JULIEN, and GASTON DE SAINT MAURICE. For a while he had a passion for hunting, and rented some game preserves near Rambouillet. He had all the fastidiousness of the Slav race. His eccentricity was carried occasionally to extremes. He would sometimes call up all his servants at the dead of night, have all the windows opened, and take an ice-cold bath. He had constantly at his bedside a decanter of iced champagne, from which he drank until morning, but he was never intoxicated. He would send for five or six servants every now and then, and compel them to fight in his presence, rewarding the victor handsomely. At 26, he married the Princess MATCHERSKI, set up a fine hotel, which he made a veritable museum, in the Rue Jean-Jacques. He relinquished his past mode of life, became a devoted husband, and was nearly heart-broken when his wife died in childbirth. He retired from society; he grew to be an anchorite; he waxed very pious; his charity was as boundless as his extravagance had been. He took a small apartment in the Rue Milton; he dressed like a Quaker; he was miserably to himself and prodigal to the poor; he treasured up all the relics and souvenirs of his marriage. Suddenly he grew weary of seclusion and grief. Touched by ambition, he hurried off to Russia, was appointed Governor of Kieff, and held the place for five years. He tired of this in turn. He resigned, went to Italy, settled at the Palace of San Donato, where he brought his second wife, Princess TROUBETSKOI, daughter of the Princess Anna TROUBETSKOI, so well known to Parisians. He has never left San Donato since; but now he intends to occupy the Villa de Pratolino, near Pisa, where nothing remains but the ruins of the superb château which was once the home of the romantic loves of FRANCESCO DE MEDICI, Grand Duke of Tuscany, and the renowned Venetian beauty, BIANCA CAPELLO. The restoration of the château will occupy DEMIDOFF's time, and give him an opportunity to be such an art patron as he has never been before. It will be his new passion, and will last until another his fresh fancy.

NEW TELEGRAPH ENTERPRISE.

ALBANY, April 7.—Benjamin L. Britz, of New-York, and William B. Watkins, of West Orange, N. J., have filed articles of association in the Watkins Automatic Signal Telegraph Company. The capital is fixed at $900,000. The principal line will be run through Broadway and the adjacent streets of New-York, and additional circuits will be constructed within the United States.

A LARGE CLAIM SETTLED.

HARTFORD, April

GRANT SURE OF SUCCESS

FIGURES WHICH NO OTHER CANDIDATE CAN PRESENT.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HON. GEORGE C. GORHAM—HE ESTIMATES A MAJORITY OF OVER 200 FOR GRANT IN THE CHICAGO CONVENTION—BLAINE AND SHERMAN'S COMBINED VOTE ONLY 274—ALL SORTS OF TRICKERY TO DEFEAT GRANT.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The *Post* of this city will print to-morrow a report of an interview with George C. Gorham, who was for many years Secretary of the Senate and Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee. Mr. Gorham believes that the nomination of ex-President Grant is as certain as the assembling of the Chicago Convention, and that there is no danger of a defection in the Pennsylvania delegation. "The statement that the delegation contains men who will cast their votes against Gen. Grant is as false," he says, "as were the bogus lists of alleged local committeemen of Pennsylvania, published directly after the State Convention. Men were then paraded as anti-Grant committeemen who had no existence, and whose names were probably taken from old lists of New-York hotel arrivals. If these 58 Grant men are not sound, then the committee of nine which selected them was not sound. If the committee of nine was not true, then that was the fault of Chairman Errett, by whom they were appointed. If Mr. Errett is not for Grant, then nobody is, and Cameron and his friends are simpletons. All statements that there is any defection in the Pennsylvania delegation are an insult to the intelligence of the well-informed and an impudent fraud upon the uninformed."

Mr. Gorham's opinion of the position of the New-York delegation is virtually the same, and he does not believe that there are any of the New-York delegates who will not be bound by their instructions. "Gen. Grant's opponents," he says, "now know that the question of his nomination depends only upon himself, and that no one but himself can prevent it." Criticising the list of votes claimed by Mr. Blaine, recently published by the Blaine Club, he declares that the list containing 149 of the votes which are most certain for Grant, and 86 others which are at least debatable, and which will probably be cast for Grant. This leaves 131, which he thinks are all Mr. Blaine can claim. These he apportions as follows: Maine, 14; New-Hampshire, 10; Rhode Island, 5; half of Indiana, 15; Michigan, 22; Iowa, 22; Minnesota, 10; Kansas, 10; Oregon, 6; Dakota, 2; Idaho, 2; Arizona, 2; New-Mexico, 2; Montana, 2; Washington, 2; Wyoming, 2; Utah, 2; District of Columbia, 1. The 86 debatable votes he places as follows: California, 12; Colorado, 6; Connecticut, 6; Delaware, 6; Maryland, 10; Nebraska, 6; New-Jersey, 10; West Virginia, 10; Wisconsin, 20. He does not believe that Blaine has a shadow of a chance to get the following, which were claimed: Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 6; Florida, 4; Georgia, 8; Illinois, 21; Indiana, 15, (out of the 28 claimed;) Kentucky, 5; Massachusetts, 10; Mississippi, 8; Nevada, 6; New-York, 15; Pennsylvania, 20; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 5; Texas, 8; Virginia, 8; total, 140.

Sherman, in Mr. Gorham's opinion, will secure Ohio's 44 votes; half of North Carolina, 20; and probably enough more in the South to make 100. He declares that Federal officers are busy in the South telling Grant's friends that the ex-President will not allow his name to be used. Mr. Edmunds has informed the public that the use of his name is distasteful to him. Mr. Gorham does not think that the Republican candidate will have votes. "If Blaine carries all the doubtful States," he says, "and if Sherman carries Ohio and his subordinates South can hurry on the Grant mask soon enough to get him 56 votes in that section, the vote of Blaine would be 217, and that of Sherman 100, making the combined opposition 317. I do not concede that any such vote is probable—it is only possible. I think it is the very utmost that continued and vigorous fighting could possibly accomplish. This would leave Grant 497, being a majority of 120 over both. If he has half of the 86 doubtful votes it would give him 430, against a combined opposition of 274, being a majority of 206 over all."

The great activity in the Blaine and Sherman camps leads Mr. Gorham to entertain a very decided opinion that an organized effort is being made to create conditions so disgreeable that the candidacy will be distasteful to Gen. Grant. "But," he continues, he "cannot be driven into a hole by coarse assaults such as are now being made upon him. It is an effort to frighten a man who was never scared, to disturb the nerves of a man of iron nerve. He will not be likely to forego, under compulsion, the right which he enjoys in common with every American citizen of an institutional act of being the choice of some of his fellow-citizens for the Presidency. The tricks of the anti-third termers, as they call themselves, are just such as were resorted to against his second nomination, and now, as then, self-respect would seem to compel him to refrain from forbidding his own nomination. He has never been a seeker for the place; but those of his friends with whom I talk believe that he will continue to be an eligible private citizen, and that he will not in the slightest degree interfere to influence the public judgment, or to discourage the people from making a free choice, even though he should be that choice."

Mr. Gorham does not fear a bolt at Chicago. "Grant was nominated in 1872," he says, "against a much more formidable bolt than any which can now be caused by his opponents. The convention is not likely to be controlled by any threats from overgrown children. Gen. Grant's supporters act voluntarily, and do not flood the country with documents such as Blaine and Sherman are pouring broadcast." Mr. Gorham thinks that the ex-President is the only Republican candidate who can carry New-York and some of the Southern States. For the reason that, while he represents the cause of law and order, he evidently thinks that the time has come when obedience to national authority can best be secured by a temperate spirit, and the assumption that the body of the people in the whole country are peacefully inclined. His candidacy, he believes, will divide the Southern whites, and will do his work for national amity. "The struggle between the sections," says Mr. Gorham, "has been long, and both sides are exhausted. The time is ripe for reconciliation, and I believe Grant is to be the apostle. He evidently desires to see peace and good-fellowship between the different sections of the country. He will surrender no principle, condone no offense, tolerate no denial of the rights of citizens. But 'the soft answer which turneth away wrath' he has, as I said, already given. In this all Republicans can uphold him, and when they do the Democratic Party will come to the South. I never have thought that any other plans than his would be presented at Chicago, and that belief grows stronger and stronger every day. No candidate will oppose him at the convention unless he runs away. He has never been known to run when in doing so he had to leave enemies behind him.

GEN. GRANT IN NEW-ORLEANS.

NEW-ORLEANS, April 7.—Gen. Grant had a reception this forenoon at the residence of Col. James Lewis, and afterward visited Straight University, where he was received by the school children. Later in the day the General visited Mayor Patton, at the City Hall. This afternoon he held a reception at the residence of Gov. Pinchback, mainly for the members of the Colored Men's Protective Union. The Governor's residence was handsomely decorated.

DISCOVERY OF A COMET.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Smithsonian Institution has received from M. W. Harrington, of Ann Arbor, the announcement of the discovery by J. M. Schaeberle, of Ann Arbor, on April 6, at 12 o'clock P. M. Ann Arbor mean time, of a comet with a tail 3 minutes long, in 7 hours 20 minutes right ascension, and 84° 25' north declination, with a daily motion of —30 minutes in right ascension, and 35 minutes south.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

BOSTON, Mass., April 7.—Jackson & Morse, grain exporters, of this city, failed to-day. The failure is believed to be due to wheat speculations in Chicago. The liabilities are about $80,000.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The Second Manchuria Germany made a voluntary assignment to-day to Lewis F. Payne. The liabilities are $210,000, and the assets $96,843 45. Among the larger creditors are Matthew Bolton, $11,000; Wm. H. Hoxie, $22,000; John V. Farwell, $10,000; Mrs. Julia Bay, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., $10,000; the Champion Fire-Extinguisher Company, of Louisville, Ky., $16,000; Enos Myers, $5,000; S. B. Williams, $3,000; W. Warren, $2,000; J. C. Wheeler, $2,500.

AMUSEMENTS.

LES HUGUENOTS.

Meyerbeer was 42 years old when his grandest opera, "Les Huguenots," was first produced in Paris in 1836. Before this date his successes had been only local and occasional, and there was a strong opposition to his characteristic methods of composition, which had been manifested in Berlin and other capitals. But the new opera immediately came into favor, and was received everywhere with applause, and it to-day, after nearly a half century, recognized to be the best example of the genius of the composer, and as interesting musically speaking as it is imposing in its dramatic effects. The performance last night was a great improvement on that of last week, and, barring some untoward circumstances, was brilliant. It is no small effort for an impresario to supply seven artists equal to the adequate representation of such a work as "Les Huguenots" in the solo parts. Mr. Mapleson's company may be fairly credited on this occasion with a powerful performance. The only weak part was the Marcel of Herr Behrens, which fact was all the more noticeable in that the role offers great opportunities to an actor and a magnificent basso profundo. Herr Behrens was exceedingly tame and dull, and sang without the least spirit. The other artists, however, acted for this lack of force. Mme. Ambre was admirable in Valentine, and sompared favorably with her predecessors. Her voice was in excellent condition, and she sang the music with dramatic inspiration and with so much artistic skill as to excite the admiration of the musical portion of the audience. It was the best performance that Mme. Ambre has given since her first appearance in the company and it deserves to be ranked among the best that has been heard in New-York. The substitution of Miss Cary as the Page was a fortunate circumstance. She was in every respect A great improvement on the artist who was last heard in the role, and she received much applause, which she certainly deserved. The beautiful aria in the first act, "Nobil Signora e tanto onesta," was given with perfect effect, and throughout the opera this favorite singer was worthy of the highest praise. Mlle. Marimon's Marguerite was equal to her first performance, and was in keeping with the high standard of the other artists. Signor Campanini, notwithstanding the evident fact that he was hoarse, gave a noble representation of Raoul. The third act, with the great scene at its close, was magnificently rendered, and the zeal with which the great tenor sang his part entitles him to the most generous consideration and to the acknowledgments of the public. Most artists would, under the circumstances, have refused the necessary sacrifice, but Signor Campanini was never more pulsating and spirited, and acted with all his customary fire and wonderful power. Both Signori Del Puente and Galassi were at their best in the rôles of Nevers and San Bris, and the minor parts were unusually well done. The chorus was somewhat unsteady at times, and there was a suggestion of uncertainty occasionally about the orchestra, but in a performance of such general excellence these were minor faults. The scenic and spectacular effects were well managed. "Les Huguenots" is announced at the Brooklyn Academy for Friday evening, there being no opera in New-York on that date. Saturday afternoon "La Favorita" will be given in New-York with the same cast as before, which includes Miss Cary, Signor Campanini, and Signor Del Puente.

GENERAL MENTION.

Mr. E. H. Gouge will profit by the extra performance announced to be given at the Union-Square Theatre this afternoon.

The second Thursday afternoon concert at the cosy little Madison-Square Theatre will be given to-day. Miss Thursby, Mr. Fritsch, and a number of other well-known artists are announced.

Mr. Maurice Grau's French opera company will give a matinée performance to-day, of Harold's charming opera "Le Pre aux Clercs," at the Fifth-Avenue Theatre, commencing at 2 o'clock. Sunday evening they may also be heard in a concert at the same establishment. The company will play at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Thursday and Saturday evenings, and also at a matinée on Saturday.

Mr. John Levine's fifth annual concert, which is to take place at Steinway Hall on Monday evening next, will be the best that this indefatigable manager has given. Mr. Theodore Thomas, with a grand orchestra, will be a powerful attraction to the lovers of music, and with such solo artists as Mr. S. B. Mills and Mr. Max Pinner for the piano, and Miss Thursby to sing, Mr. Levine should receive a substantial reward as the result of his enterprise.

Mr. Frank Rummel's testimonial benefit concert takes place to-night at Steinway Hall, and promises to be well worthy the attention of the musical public. The list of artists already published is sufficient guarantee of the high character of the concert. As the programme, it contains several numbers which can be but rarely heard, such as the Bach concerto for four pianos, and the Rubinstein quintet for piano, flute, clarionet, bassoon, and horn, and some attractive vocal selections.

MR. MAPLESON'S ARRANGEMENTS.

TO GIVE ITALIAN OPERA FOR FIVE YEARS IN THE IMPROVED ACADEMY—PROMISES FOR NEXT SEASON.

It is authoritatively stated that the negotiations between Mr. Mapleson and the Directors of the Academy of Music have resulted in an agreement satisfactory in every respect to the former, to every concession and improvement asked for has been granted. By this agreement, which will be signed by the parties at the meeting of the Directors this afternoon, Mr. Mapleson secures the Academy for five years, or until the Spring of 1885, free of rent, the stockholders to have free use of their stalls at present. The alterations in the building, as already described, will be made as a part of the agreement. Mr. Mapleson is to have the absolutely free use of the building one night in each season for his benefit, in return for the concessions made. Mr. Mapleson binds himself to produce grand opera on a generous scale and, for a period of five years, to have no connection with any other house in New-York City, either on his own behalf or that of any other company with which he may be connected, in the way of giving operatic performances.

Mr. Mapleson said to the TIMES reporter last evening that a full and satisfactory understanding had been arrived at between himself and the Directors, so that the agreement between them, embodying the terms he had proposed, was virtually concluded. He expressed one stipulation made as to the sale of the new boxes that would be made with the contemplated improvements in the building. These he said, would be reserved and sold only to the public. As he had served with the Directors, he should bring the best talent to this City. From his experience he was now able to know and cater to the taste of the opera-room of New-York, and should do so. To this end he had secured Nilsson and Gerster for his next season, neither of whom ever sang better than at present. In the next season in New-York Nilsson would sing in "Faust," "Mignon," and in Boito's gay opera "Mefistofele," which is founded on Goethe's "Faust," but written three years before the production of Gounod's opera of that name. This opera will be brought out with great magnificence. Nilsson will also sing in "The Huguenots" "Il Trovatore," "Norma," and "Lohengrin." Gerster will sing in "Dinorah," "Ballo di Ladamermoor," "Sonnambula," "Linda," "Lucia," "Martha," "Rigoletto" (newly arranged by Gounod,) "Star of the North," and "Puritani." Mr. Mapleson said that he should return to New-York in the third week in October next.

Referring to the proposition to build a new opera-house in this City, Mr. Mapleson said that with no doubt the time would come when a new house would be required, and would at necessity then be built. "But $200,000 will only build the outer shell," he said. "If New-York is to have an opera-house, it will cost four times that $200,000. If the task of the ground is to be included. To hurry up a new building such as the new opera-house promises in the next year would be simply sinking valuable capital, which should be held for use when the time arrived for commencing such an undertaking. When this time arrived, that is, say, one year hence, with the history behind of himself and the Directors of the Academy, a But it was a matter that required much time and study and a great deal of money. The Paris Opera-house had taken 18 years in building, and now has the Directors been seeking for $200,000 to aid in the completion, it would not have been opened at the present time and not the old opera-house in the Rue Lepelletier, then destroyed by fire. Mr. Mapleson said that a few years ago he had thought of building an opera-house in New-York, and had been spending upon his building in London, and it was only complicated to the second story. If one was to be built in New-York, it must be one that the City could be proud of, or it never could be successful. Mr. Mapleson said that in time, and it would meet with the generous aid and support of all. According to the terms of the agreement, "Gentlemen, the Academy of Music" is to be the absolutely free use of the building one night in each season for his benefit, in return for the concessions made. Mr. Mapleson binds himself to produce grand opera on a generous scale and, for a period of five years, to have no connection with any other house in New-York City, either on his own behalf or that of any other company with which he may be connected, in the way of giving operatic performances.

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THE WEST POINT MYSTERY

THE COLORED CADET'S TROUBLES.

WHITTAKER DENYING THE ASSERTION THAT HE INJURED HIMSELF—ASKING A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

WEST POINT, April 7.—Some of the leading officers at West Point discredit the statement that colored Cadet Whittaker, who was found with hands and feet bound and sore cut, committed the act on himself. They say that his life at the Academy makes any such theory untenable, as he has always been straightforward and frank, and, as Gen. Schofield says, has been reported less than any other cadet in the corps. When he entered the hospital yesterday, the steward exclaimed, "Hello, what are you here for?" Whittaker burst into tears and replied, "They tried to kill me last night." They say it was utterly impossible for him to tie himself as he was found. Not only was he bound hand and foot, but his feet were tied to the iron bedstead. His wrists were tied together tightly, and then his hands were bound with straps. One of the officers says: "It looks to me as if the boys had got into his room for the purpose of raising the devil with him, and went further than they intended. To say that he did this himself to excite sympathy, as so it is to be helped through the coming June examination is absurd. He has already gone through three months of the course, and if he is found deficient, that ends him, regardless of anything that may happen to him now. The idea, too, that he injured himself so as to be sent to the hospital is also absurd, for he said himself he was not in pain, or badly injured, and was ready for his studies. As yet no one is justified in charging that he did the deed, for there is no evidence proving that fact. True, each and every cadet positively denies any knowledge of the affair, but if one, two, or three of them did have a hand in it, would they be likely to say they did? On the contrary, if there are cadets bad enough to commit such a crime, are they not bad enough to deny it to save themselves, knowing it is a felony, subject to imprisonment?"

The examination of each member of the Cadet Corps was concluded late yesterday, and each and every cadet denied any knowledge whatever of the matter. Gen. Schofield said to-day that it had been thoroughly demonstrated that not a cadet had any hand in the matter, and that there were indications that Whittaker might have committed the act himself, but this, said he, is mere conjecture, and it would not be right to make the charge against him until further evidence was obtained. When asked how Whittaker could tie himself as he was found, the General replied he might have had an accomplice. He says that little contradictions in statements made by Whittaker help to confirm suspicions against him. If he was beaten it was singular that no bruises were found on him at the hospital. The hasty charge, however, that he himself did the work, is not yet borne out by the facts in the case; but if any plausible evidence looking that way comes to light, Whittaker will be brought before Gen. Schofield to answer interrogatories. The writing in the note of warning which Whittaker says he received last Sunday, has been compared with his handwriting through a microscope, and it is stated that similarities have been detected, though on that point Gen. Schofield says the writing will be taken to New-York to obtain the views of experts. There is no doubt that there is a strong feeling in certain quarters at West Point against the colored cadet, for, as a clerk in one of the offices says, "he has been ostracized ever since he has been here." But he has been well and fairly treated by Gen. Schofield. The evidence that he did not commit the outrage on himself is much stronger than the conjectural evidence that he did.

Gen. Schofield had an interview this afternoon with Whittaker, and told him of the impressions that he had and cut himself. Whittaker emphatically and persistently denied this, and asked what could be his motive. He also asked for a court of inquiry, which Gen. Schofield has ordered for Friday morning, open to the public. Gen. Schofield says the opinion that Whittaker did the work himself is mere conjecture, which idea the court of inquiry may or may not dispel.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The reported outrage at the West Point Academy upon Cadet Whittaker was very generally discussed here to-day, and universally denounced. In the House Mr. McCook, of New-York, offered a resolution asking the Secretary of War to communicate to the House all the facts in the case, but its adoption was prevented by an objection from Mr. Aiken, of South Carolina, who represents the district from which Cadet Whittaker was appointed. His Democratic colleagues begged Mr. Aiken to withdraw his objection, but he stubbornly refused. Mr. Aiken assigned no reason for obstructing the passage of the resolution. The story that Whittaker mutilated himself is not credited at the War Department.

WHAT GEN. SCHOFIELD SAYS.

Gen. J. M. Schofield, Commandant at West Point, was at the St. James Hotel last evening. The General evinced a perfect willingness to give all the information in his power regarding the alleged outrage upon Cadet Whittaker, but said that there was little to tell which the newspapers had not already published. When pressed to give his opinion as to the author of the outrage, he said that he had no right to an opinion, as he was ultimately to pass upon the facts in the case, and until they were properly and officially before him, he must decline to commit himself to any opinion which might prejudice his judgment. "I have ordered a court of inquiry," said the General, "and it will convene on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, at West Point. It will be composed of three officers on duty at the Academy, and I shall return to West Point to-morrow morning to designate them. This court will hold open sessions, take all the evidence available, and then report the facts which it finds to me. When these are officially before me I shall know what to do. Just at present I do not know what to do. If the evidence shall show the probable guilt of some person or persons, I can order a court-martial to try the guilty. If it shall show that Whittaker himself is the guilty person, I may court-martial him, or the President, upon being given notice of the facts, may dismiss him in disgrace. The court of inquiry is simply a preliminary court to determine whether any crime at all has been committed."

"What has been the result," was asked, "of your investigation so far?"

"So far as it has proceeded, we have found nothing whatever to justify us in suspecting any of the Cadets of the Academy to have had any knowledge whatever of the outrage. The talk about the Southern cadets having a motive for outrage, Whittaker is simply no nonsense. He has been treated very kindly by all his companions, and there is no evidence whatever, so far as I know, to implicate any of them in the mysterious transactions of Monday night or Tuesday morning. As I said before, I have no opinion to express, and no right to an opinion on the subject at present, but the general sentiment among the officers and cadets at West Point is, that Whittaker himself was the author of the alleged outrage, and that this will be proved when the Court of Inquiry assembles."

"Upon what known facts is this opinion based?"

"Well, there are several discrepancies in the boy's story, which seem to cast a doubt over its truth in many particulars. When found, he was apparently unconscious, but we know now that this unconsciousness was not real. The Doctor examined him carefully, and has pronounced it as his judgment that he had not lost his senses, and that he was feigning insensibility when found by the officers. His face was covered with blood, and this he said came from a blow which he had received on the nose. He also said that he had been knocked senseless by a blow on the top of the head. Now, examination proves that he was not struck either on the nose or on the top of the head. Here are three distinct points on which it is proved that he had claimed falsely. He claims that the outrage was perpetrated about 2 o'clock in the morning. Two cadets were sleeping in a room on the side of him, and the two in a room on the other side. Yet he remained without giving an alarm, or even screaming, until almost at reveille and hunted up. His feet were tied to the bed, but his hands were only fastened loosely together, and he could easily have untied his feet and escaped from the room to give the alarm had he wished to do so. It is on these discrepancies in his story that his general sentiment at West Point is founded."

"Has the handwriting of the notice, which he claims was sent to him, warning him of danger, been identified?"

"Only by Mr. Fox, but I have no doubt that it will be. The note is evident-ly written in a disguised hand, but it bears a strong resemblance to Cadet Whittaker's own writing. Steps will be taken to discover, if possible, where the paper on which the notice is written was purchased, and who bought it. These are all matters for the Court of Inquiry, however, and at present none of the points which I have mentioned can have the least bearing on the military reputation of Cadet Whittaker. All that I can say at present is that I have not the least doubt that the mystery will be fully cleared up by the investigation that is about to take place, and that appearances now strongly indicate the innocence of the cadets who have been accused of perpetrating the outrage. Whittaker, himself, is doing well to-day. The slits in his ears from which the blood flowed, are very slight, and he has really sustained no permanent injury. The Secretary of War has been given notice of the facts in the case, so far as I know them myself, but of course no action will be taken by the Government until I have completed all preliminaries at West Point. Supposing Whittaker to have perpetrated the outrage on himself, several motives might be urged as prompting the deed. He might hope to get into the hospital, and remain there until the examination was passed; or he might hope to gain a commission in the Army without graduating."

THE PROPOSED NEW OPERA-HOUSE.

An informal meeting of a number of the gentlemen who have in hand the project of building a new opera-house in this City was held yesterday afternoon at the office of James A. Roosevelt, No. 62 Pine-street, and the necessary preliminary steps were taken toward the immediate furtherance of their plan. Among those present were Robert Goelet and George H. Warren, who have been the leading spirits in the enterprise; also George G. Haven, G. P. Wetmore, James A. Roosevelt, Albert Roosevelt, and others. These few were called together from among the many subscribers to the proposed corporation to obtain their signatures to the application for articles of incorporation, to be filed with the Secretary of State. The document which was handed around for signature read as follows:

We, the undersigned, George Peabody Wetmore, of Newport, R. I.; George Henry Warren, of the City of Troy, N. Y.; George G. Haven, Robert Goelet, James A. Roosevelt, and William K. Vanderbilt, of the City of New-York, do hereby certify that we propose to form a company of the class of limited liability corporations, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, entitled an act to provide for the organization and regulation of certain business corporations, passed June 21, 1875, and do hereby set forth:

First—The name of the said corporation is to be the Metropolitan Opera-House Company of New-York, Limited.

Second—The object and nature of the business for which said corporation is to be formed is for the business of encouraging and cultivating a taste for music, literature, and the arts, and for erecting and maintaining and renting a building, or buildings, for that purpose, and that the locality of the said business is to be in the City of New-York.

Third—The amount of the capital stock of the said corporation is to be $600,000.

Fourth—The number of shares which the capital stock shall consist of is to be 6,000, and the par value of each share is to be $100.

Fifth—The location of the principal business office of the said corporation is to be in the City of New-York.

Sixth—The duration of the said corporation is to be for the term of 50 years.

The application was signed by the gentlemen named in the opening clause, and was forwarded to the Secretary of State at Albany, yesterday afternoon. No other business was transacted. It is understood that a general meeting of the subscribers will be called, through Robert Goelet, as soon as a return shall have been received from the application. In response to further information with regard to the project, Mr. Roosevelt said that in its present embryo state there was little to add to the statement already published in THE TIMES. A number of gentlemen of wealth feeling the necessity of a new opera-house capable of meeting the requirements of a City like New-York had met together and subscribed a sufficient amount of money to secure this. In the plan proposed for its management the price of the boxes was placed at $10,000 each, and 55 gentlemen had in all subscribed for 60 boxes, two or three of their number subscribing for two and three boxes. This gave a total promised subscription of $600,000, and, while there was many a slip twixt the cup and the lip, there was now little doubt of the successful incorporation of the Metropolitan Opera-house Company and the ultimate erection of a building that should become a City. It was too early yet to fairly consider the details. It was intended to locate the proposed opera-house as near the vicinity of Fifth-avenue and Fortieth-street as possible. Mr. Roosevelt said he had in his possession plans of the leading opera-houses in Europe, and in the proposed structure it was intended to combine the best features in these, and make it second to none. It was not best at present, he considered, to make public the entire list of subscribers, but among them were the following: Robert Goelet, George G. Haven, George G. Hayes, William K. Vanderbilt, William H. Vanderbilt, Cornelius Vanderbilt, G. P. Wetmore, J. A. Roosevelt, A. Belmont, J. P. Morgan, R. T. Wilson, Albert Roosevelt, W. W. Astor, J. J. Astor, Henry Morgan, George Kemp, Mayor Cooper, Buchanan Winthrop, C. C. Franklyn, and J. H. W. Gray. The price at which the boxes will be sold, $10,000, will not in the new company entitle the subscriber to its free use, for when occupied the stated admission fee would be required. Mr. Roosevelt said the articles of incorporation could be secured in a very short time, and then the future course of the company could be quickly marked out and work begun in earnest.

THE CHANNING CENTENARY.

More than 3,000 persons attended the Channing centennial meeting in the Brooklyn Academy of Music last evening. The floral decorations were rich. The front of the stage resembling a huge parterre of choice flowers and tropical plants. Enormous white calla lilies peeped out of green beds of fern and smilax, and costly bouquets adorned the speakers' table. Depending from the stage chandelier was the floral motto, "1780—Channing—1880," in white letters on a green background. Salento, the cornetist, and a select choir from several churches supplied the music. A. A. Low presided, and on the stage sat ex-Mayor John W. Hunter, James M. Van Cott, Chief-Justice Nelson, Henry Ward Beecher, the Rev. Dr. Nye, the Rev. Dr. Ewer, S. B. Strankman, George William Curtis, the Rev. Dr. Lord, Chauncey Storrs, ex-Judge Greenwood, Demas Barnes, Col. Rodney C. Ward, A. W. Tenney, Ripley Ropes, and 150 others.

The Rev. Dr. Ellis of the First Congregational Church of Boston, said that Channing was so wonderfully endowed with the prophetic locality that in him it amounted to positive genius. He was from first to last a great Gospel preacher. People came to hear him because he didn't strain every nerve, and lay himself out to attract them. His was good, sound Gospel preaching. It was true, he founded no sect, but he did what it is well to do better—that he did not—we had too many sects now. We had so many in fact that it was difficult to separate them. [Applause and laughter.] Channing would always be known as one of those who had great Christian optimism. His fame had spread throughout Christendom, and when so distinguished a visitor as Dean Stanley came to this country one of the first places he asked to be shown was Channing's tomb in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

The Rev. Robert Collyer remarked that Channing was a man who didn't like to be praised to his face. His radicalism was broad and wide, and one of his most beautiful and noble qualities was his perpetual sympathy with all sorts of people on all sorts of subjects. He thought Mary Wollstonecraft, for instance, was one of the greatest women in the world. The crowd that flocked about him were like the crowd that flocked about David in the cave of Adam—discontented, depressed, and many of them in debt. He, (the speaker) for one felt that grand sympathy with the Giffenstein of man.

The Rev. James M. Pullman, of New-York, delivered a short and witty address, and George William Curtis spoke of Channing's connection with the anti-slavery struggle. The Rev. G. H. Shaw, of the Summerfield Methodist Church, of Brooklyn, paid a graceful tribute to Channing from a Methodist stand-point, and then the audience, who, for an hour and a half, had been freezing to hear Mr. Beecher, were gratified at the sight of the Plymouth Parson.

Mr. Beecher, whose glowing face and white hair contrasted strongly with the form and coat by which he was bordered, began by saying that it was very hard, said that if Channing was alive he would have been a Republican. [Laughter and applause.] In his [Beecher's] boyhood Unitarians generally were considered children of the devil, and Channing was thought to be especially demented. [Laughter.] The speaker's father—Lyman Beecher—had Channing tied to bonfires and burned in effigy. [Laughter.] He never saw an Arminian enter his church, but he gave him the biggest dose he could with a view to curing his heresy. In those days each denomination considered itself the special depository of grace and goodness, and the idea that the children of God could be induced to mingle peacefully was as the Fourth of July—and sacrilege. God was nowhere to have time. He must have been fearfully indebted to all the ministers of the 15 denominations. [Laughter.] Lyman Beecher, "Give us a God," cried Mr. Beecher in exclamation, "that does not need to be apologized for! The old iron-clad theology of Calvin must be laid aside in the museum; it was good enough in Barbarous times like the Middle Ages, but in the enlightenment he (Beecher) wouldn't do now. There was a brave look in it somewhere, and the doctors of divinity were moving over and removing them and throwing everywhere, but without mending matters. [Laughter and applause.] Mr. Beecher said he was proud of his uncle, the Catholic Church as our mother, Roman, and of "my other mother, the Episcopal Church." He said that there never was any religion in meeting-houses, and that real religion was free and unbounded by the walls of a church. Religion was a great power, and it was the duty of every man. The religion of antiquities and theological hatred was dead. (Applause.)

TRYING TO FOOL A SULTAN

THE DANGER OF PLAYING PRANKS IN A PALACE.

ABDUL HAMID AND THE CONSPIRATORS—A WICKED NEPHEW, AN OFFICER OF THE GUARD, AND A HIRED YOUNG MAN IN JAIL.

An amusing story, involving also some serious features, and bristling all the way through with the essential points for the plot of a real opera-bouffe, is told by Mr. Osmanyan, formerly Turkish Consul at this port, who has obtained the facts in late correspondence received by him from Constantinople. Some two or three months ago there was intercepted from Turkey a brief statement that a conspiracy against the life of the Sultan Abdul Hamid and the safety of his realm had been discovered and frustrated, and that several arrests of prominent parties involved had been made. Since then no further details of the affair have been made public. It now appears that this regicidal and revolutionary plot had its origin in a shallow and thoroughly farcical Court intrigue designed to advance the interests of two ambitious individuals, while the third was probably hired for gain to do his share in the job. The first of these is a vain but entertaining young man named Papadopoulos—an individual who, having failed in business, was living on the bounty of, and under the same roof with, his uncle, one Dimitriados, in the village of Arnaoutkoy, a suburb of Constantinople, on the Bosphorus. The second conspirator is no less a personage than Georgaki Bey, Aristarchi, a brother of Aristarchi Bey, the Minister of Turkey to the United States now at Washington. The third man in the intrigue was a vainglorious youth, by name Galanaki, of no very great social importance in himself, but willing to take a hand in any grand enterprise where fame, decoration, or the favor of his superiors was to be gained. Papadopoulas is probably a sort of hare-brained swaggerer sort of Byzantine swell or man-about-town. Georgaki Bey, through family and political influence holds a position in the imperial household as an officer of the Sultan's body-guard. Though living, so to speak, in the glamour of the throne, however, it appears he did not enjoy much favor from his monarch, and the Sultan, though, from motives of State policy, tolerating Georgaki's company of the point of honor did not condescend even to speak to him. The officer of the guard tried in various ways to win the Sultan's smile, but to no avail, and his position was a purely nominal one, as Abdul Hamid's repugnance to him was so great that he seldom discharged his duties for fear of being frowned upon.

Georgaki Bey is of Greek extraction, and his family belong to the Greek Church. This unhappy scourier, in his efforts to please the sovereign, even went so far recently as to abjure the faith of his fathers, renounce the Greek Church, and embrace Islamism. To do this in a Mohammedan land is to make a sacrifice that can relatively be equalled or appreciated in the United States, and was a strong bid for the encouragement of the fanatical party in power at the administration. In renouncing his faith it was also necessary that he should renounce his family name—for the glorious name of a Christian martyr followed him into Islam—and he proceeded to adopt the proud Moslem title of Seif Ullah, which was the name given to Khaled, a prominent General under the caliphate of Omar the Great and signifies "The Sword of God." Papadopoulas, having conceived a dislike for his uncle, who, in turn, did not entertain any great respect for his nephew's qualities and knowing of Seif Ullah's ambition to please the Sultan, conceived a plan which he thought would cut two ways at once, and imparted it to the latter. He proposed, in short, to emulate the exploits of the Greek Latinos, who, for his efforts to play upon the sympathies and gratitude of Mme. La Pompadour, paid the heavy penalty of some 30 years' sojourn in the Bastile. The plan was carried out, and Seif Ullah was to have the honor of discovering the wicked plot to the Sultan. As he was not permitted to address him orally, he resorted to the pen to communicate the intelligence, and wrote a portentous letter to Abdul Hamid, informing his Majesty to the effect that there was a desperate scheme to take his life and to overturn the Empire; that for the purposes of this foul enterprise there were concealed in the house of Dimitriados a large quantity of gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, hand-grenades, and other terrible implements and elements of destruction; and further, that a certain well-known Turkish banker, named Zarifa, was also planning and preparing for a revolutionary outbreak in the capital by causing the pupils in certain Greek academies and colleges to be instructed in military science and tactics, and that Zarifa imported into said Greek institutions for the purpose. The Sultan and his Ministers were naturally aroused, and there was a vast, though secret, commotion at the awful news. Forthwith an iradé or royal edict, was issued for the arrest of Dimitriados and Zarifa, and they were taken into custody. This was the news of conspiracy telegraphed to the whole world.

But it appears now that Hafiz Pasha, of Bulgarian fame, the hero of the Batak massacre, and who is now Prefect of Police at Constantinople, has some of the qualities of a sleuth-hound and a good "cut" in the chase. He regarded the high reputation of the banker and the merchant is of some account, and the fact that they were not in the way of life or of political or personal interest to be enraged in such a scheme. There was no apparent motive for it, and he suspected that there was something wrong about the affair, and that things were not what they seemed to be. He put his secret agents at work, and in a short time found that Galanaki had bought the warlike munitions, that Papadopoulas had secreted them in his dear old uncle's mansion, and that Zarifa was merely a public-spirited citizen, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the Greek schools and spent his money to aid them. Finally, he found that Seif Ullah was privy to the whole operation, and the result is that Dimitriados and Zarifa have been restored to the bosoms of their respective families, and "the Sword of God" and his wicked partners are like

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, April 7, 1880.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkts	15	Spirits Turp., bbls.	600
Beeswax, pkgs	8	Tobacco, hhds.	7,262
Cotton, bales	8,412	Tar, bbls	1,044
Cottonseed oil, bbls	50	Oil, bbls	302
Copper, bbls	1,000	Oil-cake, pkgs	4,051
Copper, pigs	2,004	Oil-nuts, bags	499
Flour, bbls	12,950	Pork, pkgs	399
Corn-meal, bbls	10	Beef, pkgs	111
Corn-meal, kegs	270	Cutmeats, pkgs	2,429
Wheat, bushels	21,100	Lard, pkgs	2,857
Corn, bushels	112,000	Lard, kegs	747
Oats, bushels	12,800	Butter, pkgs	3,422
Rye, bushels	2,000	Cheese, pkgs	1,000
Barley, bushels	1,100	Rice, tcs	218
Peas, bushels	100	Sponge, bales	39
Grass, pkgs	100	Skins, bales	----
Hops, bales	413	Hides, pcs	1,347
Hemp, bales	10	Stearine, pkgs	118
Hides, No.	150	Tallow, pkgs	219
Hides, bales	75	Tobacco, hhds	100
Leather, sides	15	Tobacco, pkgs	1,150
Lead, pigs	7,478	Whisky, bbls	1,024
Leather, sides	17,145	Wool, bales	97

COFFEE—A light inquiry has been reported for Rio at nominally unchanged prices. Sales have been reported per Lilly, at 19½c., gold, for fair. Stock of Rio and Santos in the ports in hands here this morning, 148,635 bags; at the outports, 34,095 bags, and afloat and leading for United States, 301,001 bags, of which 24,512 bags for the City of New-York.....Other kinds have been very lightly dealt in at former figures. The recent movements (mostly previously reported) have been summed up thus: 1,476 bags Maracaibo, 3,670 bags Savanilla, 239 bags Costa Rica, and 224 bags Porto Rico sold in lots for consumption within the quoted range. Also, 2,897 bags Laguayra, shipped to Europe from first hands. Also, 1,000 bags Mocha, 500 bags Sumatra, other than Rio and Santos, in first hands here this morning, 65,190 bags and 128,374 mats.....We quote Rio, ordinary to fair, at 18½@19½c.; fair at 19½@19¾c.; good fair, 19¾@19¾c.; fine do., 19¾@20c.; choice, in job lots, at 20½c.; Santos, fair to good invoices, 14¾@15¼c.; do., job lots, at 15½@18½c.....Java in bond, 21c.@24c.; shipping, 14c.@16c.; Ceylon, 15c.@17c.; Maracaibo, 15c.@17c.; Laguayra, 14c.@15½c.; Mexican, 14c.@16c.; Jamaica, 13c.@16c.; Savanilla, 13c.@17c.; Costa Rica, 13c.@16c.; San Domingo, 12½c.@14½c.; Porto Rico, 15c.@17c.; Augustus, 15c.@17½c. ₱ lb.

COTTON—Cotton dealings have been again quite active, but further declined 10@11 points, closing steady. A failure of a firm partly interested in Cotton was reported, but it had little weight on the course of the market. Early deliveries (nice to-day) quoted down ⅛c. ₱ lb., and have been sold freely for nominal delivery of 917 bales, including 643 bales to spinners, 554 bales to shippers.....Low Middling quoted at 12⅛c.@12⅜c. Strict Low Middling at 12 7-16c.@12 9-16c. Middling at 12⅞c.@12⅞c. Fair at 14⅝c.@14¾c. Gulf and Texas ward delivery sales have been reported to-day of 218,000 bales, basis of Middling.....The receipts to-day have been 4,412 bales, thus for this week, 27,342 bales, (against 23,183 bales same time last week) and since Sept. 1, 1879, have been 4,538,880 bales, (against 4,189,258 bales same time in the preceding Cotton year.....Consolidated stock of Grist for the week ending to-day, from all the shipping ports, 19,579 bales, to the Continent, 8,483 bales; to France, 4,404 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 750,942 bales.....Stock in New-York to-day, 280,837 bales.

Option Sales To-day.

Month.	Bales.	Price.
April	1,800	12.47@12.57
May	38,900	12.48@12.66
June	76,200	12.60@12.82
July	41,600	12.72@12.92
August	51,400	12.78@12.97
September	4,500	12.42@12.62
October	2,600	11.79@11.94
November	1,900	11.43@11.51
December	4,300	11.42@11.51

Transferable orders issued at 12.50. Said

Closing Prices on Options.

Month.	Yesterday.	To-day.
April	12.53@12.56	12.46@12.48
May	12.60@	12.50@12.51
June	12.79@12.74	12.63@ ----
July	12.84@12.85	12.73@ ----
August	12.89@12.91	12.80@12.81
September	12.50@12.57	12.44@12.46
October	11.84@11.86	11.74@11.75
November	11.49@11.51	11.44@11.46
December	11.42@11.49	11.40@11.45

Yesterday's Closing Prices of Options.

April	12.61	September	12.63
May	12.66	October	11.93
June	12.80	November	11.54
July	12.90	December	11.49
August	12.97		

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western FLOUR has been in limited demand, though again quoted a shade lower, and, at the close, quite heavy and irregular, in sympathy with the further decline in Wheat. The Lent and Easter retarded more attention from buyers for the West Indies at current figures. Otherwise very little export call noted.....Sales have been reported since our last of 14,950 bbls. of all kinds, including those included in the reported sales, were equal to 700 bbls. Inferior to Extra, for export, within the range of $4 85@$5 50 for ordinary to fancy; 600 bbls. rejected Extra went at $4 50; 3,750 bbls. City Mill Extra, straight Wheat Meals, within the usual range of $5@$5 25 for fair to strictly choice, (fancy brands at higher figures) and South American brands quoted at $5 75@$6 50, the latter for extra fancy; 1,000 bbls. to fancy English brands at $4 85@$5 50; 1,900 bbls. Minnesota and Wisconsin clear, in lots, at $4 85@$5 50 for very inferior to strictly fancy, mainly at $5@$5 75; 1,350 bbls. City Mill Extra, these at $5 75@$6 25 for poor to strictly choice, and up to $7 25@$7 50 for very choice to very fancy, the latter an extreme, mainly at $6@$6 75; 700 bbls. Patent Extras at from $6 25@$6 50, the latter for very fancy; mainly at $6 50@$7 75 for 2,800 bbls. Winter Wheat Extras, (these at $5@$7, mostly at $5 25@$6 50, of which about 1,000 bbls. in lots for export at $5 85@$6 50); 800 bbls. Patent Extras, Winter, (these at $6 25@$8 75, the latter for very fancy, mostly at $6 25@$7 50); 650 bbls. Superfine, these at $3 90@$4 50 for poor to very choice Western; and $4 10@$4 75 for poor to very choice Winter Wheat; 2,650 bbls. No. 2, (these at $2 85@$3 75 for poor to very choice Spring, and $3 10@$3 80 for poor to very choice Winter; (200 bbls. very choice Ohio, at $3 90); and 100 bbls. good do. at $3 65); unsound and Sour Flour at from $2 85@$3 75, mostly Extra at $4@$5.....Southern Flour dull and weak; 550 bbls. sold, in lots, entirely Extra, at from $5 35@$7 25, mainly at from $5 25@$7.....RYE FLOUR very quiet at $4 85@$4 90 for good to choice, and up to $5@$5 10 for fancy Superfine State; sales noted of 200 bbls.....CORN-MEAL slow of sale; 700 bbls. City Yellow Meal sold, quoted at $3 50@$3 10, (few brands passing $3 75); Brandywine at $3 20. Sales reported of 150 bbls.....Corn-meal, in bulk, inactive at 92½c.@$1 27½, as to quality; Jersey Yellow sold at $1 05.....Oatmeal selling in lots, to a limited extent only, at $4 75@$5 75 for ordinary to strictly choice, (a few very choice to very fancy brands sold at higher figures.)

WHEAT—Influenced by the unfavorable reports from the West, the utterly spiritless advices by cable, and the comparatively free and urgent offerings, Wheat values again receded about ½c.@1½c. a bushel, and closed weak, on a speculative trade, as well on account of accounts as in the export interest. The bulk of the business was again in Winter grades, chiefly in No. 2 Red and Red Winter. Spring Wheat was in moderate request, chiefly for early delivery, and closed off about ½c.@1c. a bushel, closing weak.....Sales have been reported at 898,000 bushels, of which 258,000 bushels for current delivery, including 92,000 bushels No. 1 White, at $1 33@$1 34, mainly at $1 33@$1 33½, closing as about $1 33 (against $1 34, offered yesterday); 30,000 bushels do. April options, at $1 31@$1 31½, closing at $1 31 asked, (against $1 32 yesterday); 26,000 bushels No. 2 White, in lots, at $1 31½@$1 32; 3,200 bushels ungraded White, at $1 30; 108,000 bushels No. 2 Red, in store and afloat, at $1 33@$1 33½, mainly at $1 33½, afloat, and $1 33 in store; 132,000 bushels ungraded Red, in lots, at $1 28@$1 33, closing at about $1 33 bid, afloat, and $1 33 asked, (against $1 33½, afloat, yesterday); 206,000 bushels do., April options, at $1 32@$1 32½, closing at $1 32 asked, (against $1 32½ yesterday); 100,000 bushels do., May options, at $1 32@$1 32½, closing at $1 35½, (against $1 36½ yesterday); 32,000 bushels do., June options, at $1 32½@$1 33, closing at $1 32½, (against $1 33½ yesterday); 6,000 bushels No. 2 Red, at $1 32½; 8,000 bushels do., Kansas grade, at $1 32; 13,000 bushels ungraded Red at $1 33@$1 35; 6,000 bushels Mixed Winter at $1 32½; and 8,000 bushels No. 1 Duluth Spring at $1 30; 40,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago Spring, choice, at $1 27½, (against $1 28 yesterday); 32,000 bushels No. 2 North-west Spring, May, at $1 27½@$1 27¾, closing at $1 27½ asked; 9,200 bushels No. 3 Spring at $1 19@$1 21, 2,000 bushels in store, west at $1 21, (against $1 21 yesterday.)

CORN—Under a reduced pressure to place supplies, the market weakened materially, receding, by the close, on new crop, for Corn by delivery, fully 1c.@1½c. ₱ bushel, and left off heavily, on a comparatively moderate movement, chiefly for prompt delivery.....Sales have been reported of 268,000 bushels, (of which 133,000 bushels for prompt delivery,) including New-York No. 2, regular inspection, afloat, about 32,000 bushels, at 53½c.@54½c., mainly at 54½c., closing at 54½c. asked, west as 53½c.; 12,000 bushels, old crop, sold at 55c., closing for regular inspection at 54c. afloat, (about New-York No. 2.) April options, 32,000 bushels at 52c., (as against the last price yesterday); May, 84,000 bushels, at 49c.@49½c., closing at 49c.; New-York steamer Mixed, about 18,000 bushels, at 53c.@54c., closing at 54c. asked; 4c. April options, 8,000 bushels, at 51½c.; Mixed, 52c.; 25,000 bushels, west, (low to quality) New-York No. 3, odd lots, at 52c.@53½c.; No. 2 White at 55½c., (old car lots;) round Yellow at 54c.

OATS—Were quite active, and, on the close, tended to a decline of ½c.@1½c., generally about 1c. ₱ bushel, and to freer dealing at the modified figures, closing throughout weak.....Sales have been reported since our last of 107,000 bushels, including New-York No. 1 White, 8,900 bushels, at 47½c.@47¾c., closing at 47½c. as the best bid; New-York No. 2 White, 13,000 bushels, at 45½c.@46½c., closing at 45½c.; New-York No. 2 White, 12,600 bushels, at 45½c.@45c., closing at 45½c. as the best bid. New-York No. 1 quoted at 48c. asked; New-York No. 2, 12,000 bushels, at 43c.@43½c., closing at 42½c. bid, at options; 20,000 bushels, at 41½c.@42c. for May, 5,000 bushels, at 39½c.; No. 2, 4,000 bushels, at 40c.@41c., closing at about 40c.; White Western, unsorted, 40c.@46c.; Mixed, 43c.@45½c., as to quality; Mixed do., 5,000 bushels, at 43c.@43½c.; White State, 4,200 bushels, at 45c.@50c., (a car-load of fancy sent as high as 50c.); Mixed State, 1,400 bushels, at 43c.@43½c.; No. 2 Chicago quoted at 43c. RYE—Weak, and very heavy for Western, at least, but no sales reported. Yellow Western quoted at 70c. and upward, in the outside range of prices.

BARLEY—Unchanged; 10,000 bushels No. 1 Canada West, at 75c.; 8,000 bushels ungraded Canada, in lots, at 87½c.@90c.

SEED—A fair demand noted while receipts are reported very heavy; 40 to 50 ℔. quoted at $21 50@$23; 100 ℔. at $21 75@$24; Sharps at $24@$25, closing, however, lately.

HAY AND STRAW—Moderately active within our previous range.

NAVAL STORES—Rosin dull and weak; Strained to Low Pale, reported, $1 45@$1 50, and other grades proportionately.....Tar slow of sale at from $1 90@$2 25.....City Pitch at $1 50@$2.....Spirits Turpentine inactive and decidedly lower; merchantable quoted at the close down to 35c.

PETROLEUM—A moderately active call noted for Refined, quoted for early delivery, here, at 7½c.....Refined, in case, quoted at 11½c.@12½c. for Standard to Very Prime Crude, 5½c.@6½c., and Naphtha at 6½c.@6½c.....At Philadelphia, Refined Petroleum quoted at 7½c.....At Baltimore, Refined Petroleum, 7½c.

PROVISIONS—Hog products have been attracting more attention, mainly Lard, in the option line, but under a pressure to sell were at lower prices. Mess Pork has been inactive for prompt delivery, quoted at $10 94@$11 for City Prime Mess, and $11@$11 25 for Extra. And in the option line, prices of Mess in light demand and 15c. lower, with April options at $11 20@$11 40; May at $11 30@$11 45, and June at $11 60@$11 65; July at $11 80@$11 85, closing at $11 80 asked, (against $11 95 yesterday, with City quoted at $ 3-16c. ₱ pkg., and Pigs at 8½c.).....Cut-meats quiet at previous quotations; sale of 5,000 ℔. Pickled Bellies at 7½c.....Lard dull and lower; City Prime Steam, 6 7-16c. ₱ ℔., at 37 ℔.; Sales of 550 tcs. Long and Short Clear, at the West, at 6½c.; part first half May delivery.....Lard in option market was heavy and lower, closing, under sales, at 6 7-16c.@6½c., (against 6 9-16c.@6½c. yesterday, with May, $7 47½@$7 50; June, $7 52½@$7 55, and July at $7 67½@$7 70.....Sales seven options, 1,000 tcs., March, at $7 47½@$7 50; June, $7 52½@$7 55; 1,000 tcs. for May, at $7 50@$7 55; 3,500 tcs. for June, at $7 60@$7 65; 3,500 tcs. for July, at $7 70@$7 75.....Cut-meats in good request, and firmer for Hams; Pickled Hams, 8c.@8½c.; Smoked, 9c.@9½c.; Pickled Shoulders, 5½c.; Smoked, 6c.....Tallow dull and lower, at 6c. ₱ ℔.

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SHIPPING.

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UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
NOTICE.—The steamers of this line take the Lane Route recommended by Capt. Maury, U. S. N., on both the outward and homeward passages.
GERMANIC, Capt. Kennedy.....Sat., April 10, 4 P. M.
BALTIC, Capt. Parker.....Thursday, April 15, 8 A. M.
OCEANIC, Capt. Smith.....Saturday, April 24, 4 P. M.
From White Star Dock, foot of West 10th-st.
These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in accommodation. The saloons, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships, where the motion and noise are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.
Saloon, $80 and $100; return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $28. Drafts at lowest rates.
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With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.
On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing the meridian of 50 as 48 latitude, or nothing to the north of 48.
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FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL ON QUEENSTOWN.
FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.
PARTHIA.....Wednesday, April 14, 8 A. M.
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Passengers embark at Pier No. 1 N. R., at 12 noon.
Passage, $60, $80, and $100.
Apply to SEAGER BROTHERS,
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UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL,
Leaving Pier No. 38 N. R., foot of King-st.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, April 13, 7:30 A. M.
ARIZONA.....TUESDAY, April 20, 1:30 P. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, April 27, 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, May 4, 1:30 P. M.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, May 18, noon
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NOTICE.—The steamers of this Liverpool Lake Maury Lane Route are all seasons of the year.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Thursday, April 8, 8 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, April 17, 12:30 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Thursday, April 22, 3 P. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Thursday, April 29, 9 A. M.
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From Pier No. 27 North River, foot of Charlton-st.
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Between New-York and Havre.
Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morrison-st.
Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.
LABRADOR, Samuel.....Wednesday, April 14, 8 A. M.
ST. LAURENT, Lachenez.....Wed., April 21, 7 P. M.
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Checks drawn on Credit Lyonnais of Paris in amounts to suit.
For freight and passage apply to
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NOTICE.—THE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL Transatlantic Company will be removed on SATURDAY, April 10, from No. 55 Broadway to No. 6 Bowling Green, (foot of Broadway.)

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NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.
MOSEL.....Sat., April 10 | GEN. WERDER, W. April 31
DONAU.....Sat., April 17 | REIN.....Sat., April 24
SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.
First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....60
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NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.
From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.
Circassia...April 15, 9 A. M. | Devonia...April 24, 2 P. M.
Ethiopia...April 17, 11 A. M. | Bolivia...May 1, 11 A. M.
These Steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs; several rooms, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
Second Cabin, $40. Steerage, $28.
NEW-YORK AND LONDONDERRY.
From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charlton-st.
Utopia.....April 9, 4 P. M. | California, April 14, 8 A. M.
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HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

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From river foot of Canal-st., N. R., EVERY THURSDAY. First cabin, $60 to $75, according to accommodation; excursion tickets, $110 to $130; second cabin, $40; excursion tickets, $75. Steerage, $26.
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WESTPHALIA, Th. April 8 | LESSING, Thurs. April 22
HOLSATIA, Thurs. April 15 | HERMANN, Thurs. May 6
Rates of passage to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg, and all cities in the South of Germany: First Cabin, $100; Second Cabin, $60; Steerage, $30.
KUNHARDT & CO., C. B. RICHARD & CO.,
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ROTTERDAM LINE.
Steamers leave Co.'s pier, adj. Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
SCHIEDAM.....Wednesday, March 31
MAAS.....Wednesday, April 7
AMSTERDAM.....Wednesday, April 21
1st Cabin, $60-$70. 2d Cabin, $45-$50. Steerage, $30.
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Pier foot of Canal-st., North River.
For SAN FRANCISCO via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA:
Steam-ship CITY OF PEKING.....April 16, noon
Connecting for Central and South America and Mexico.
From SAN FRANCISCO to JAPAN and CHINA:
Steam-ship CLYDE.....Saturday, April 10, noon
Connecting for Central and South America and Mexico.
From SAN FRANCISCO to JAPAN and CHINA:
Steam-ship CITY OF PEKING.....Saturday, May 1, noon
From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND and AUSTRALIA:
Steam-ship AUSTRALIA.....Saturday, April 10, noon
For freight or general information apply at company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.
Passengers forwarded to SAN FRANCISCO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, JAPAN, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, and MEXICAN PORTS.
For tickets or for information in regard to routes apply to the Passenger Department, No. 1 BROADWAY.
G. T. SEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

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From Pier No. 45 North River, (new No. 35,) foot of Beekman-st.
At 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.
CITY OF SAVANNAH, Capt. Fearswoon. Sat., April 10
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N. Y., HAVANA, AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE.
Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.
FOR HAVANA DIRECT,
AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.
Caliber to PROGRESO, CAMPECHE, and FRONTERA.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana & Mexico,) Sat., April 17
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Steam-ship City of Mexico will leave N. O. April 18 and May 9 for Vera Cruz, Tampico, and Tuxpan, connecting with steamers for Havana and New-York.
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Steamer CITY OF ATLANTA.....SATURDAY, April 10
Steamer CITY OF MOBILE.....WEDNESDAY, April 14
FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST.
For freight or passage apply to
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FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.
Magnificent accommodations for passengers.
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E. S. NIAGARA.....Saturday, April 17
JAMES E. WARD & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, New-York, April 7, 1880.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th inst. the following jurors will be drawn for the following county, to be held in and for the City and County of New-York, on the 24 proximo, to wit:
Three panels of 100 trial jurors each, for a Supreme Court, Circuit, Parts I, II, and III.
One panel of 100 trial jurors for a County of Common Pleas, Part I.
Three panels of 100 trial jurors each, for a Mayor's Court, Parts I, II, and III.
Two panels of 100 trial jurors each, for a Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Parts I and II, and a panel of 50 Grand Jurors for a Court of General Sessions.
WM. A. BOYDEN, County Clerk.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

THE UP-TOWN OFFICE OF THE TIMES.
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CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A young respectable girl, lately her place on account of family breaking up; chamber-maid and waitress or chamber-maid and seamstress. Call at last employer's, No. 63 West 12th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL (as first-class chamber-maid; the best of City references from last employers; can take charge of house-linen and family sewing; a good operator. Call at No. 231 East 29th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL (as first-class chamber-maid; best City references. Address H. K., Box No. 309 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A NEAT RESPECTABLE young girl; is first class; no objection to the country; best of City reference. Call at No. 218 West 38th-st., ring third bell.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A YOUNG GIRL AS chamber-maid or waitress and plain sewing; two years' City references; no cards; the lady can be seen. Call at No. 136 West 19th-st., in stores.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN (as chamber-maid and waitress; best City references; no cards answered. Call at No. 253 6th-av., ring second bell.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant girl to do chamber-work and waiting or sewing; last good City references. Call at No. 252 West 23d-st. Moore.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A reliable girl as chamber-maid and waitress in a private family; City or country; best City references. Call at No. 243 West 39th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE girl in private family as first-class chamber-maid; can do nice plain sewing; good City reference. Call at No. 145 West 39th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A respectable young girl as chamber-maid and waitress in a private family; best City references. Call, to-day, at No. 231 West 19th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT girl as first-class chamber-maid in a private family; would do fine washing; best City references. Call at No. 345 East 35th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A respectable young girl; thoroughly understands her business; best City references from last employer. Call at No. 136 East 22d-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A young girl to do chamber-work and waiting; three years' City references from last place. Call, for two days, at No. 68 West 43d-st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE young girl for chamber-work and washing; good references. Call at No. 188 East 64th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A young woman in a private family; good City reference. Call at No. 311 East 35th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY a respectable girl; will assist with children; best City reference. Call at No. 500 West 35th-st.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS FIRST-class cook; understands all kinds of French cooking; has been large company dinners; makes all kinds of fancy desserts and soups; best City reference. Can be seen, for two days, at 220 East 34th-st.; ring bell 4.

COOK.—BY PROFESSED PROTESTANT COOK; thoroughly understands her business in all its branches; good City reference. Address, two days, J. M., Box No. 1967 Times Up-town Office, 1,238 Broadway.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT WOMAN AS GOOD City cook; understands all kinds meats and desserts; is a good baker; best City references. Call at No. 263 West 35th-st. No cards.

COOK.—AS FIRST-CLASS COOK IN PRIVATE family; understands her business in all branches; no objections to the country; very best City references. Call at No. 490 6th-av., Room No. 1.

COOK.—IN PRIVATE FAMILY; UNDERSTANDS meats, soups, pastry, also desserts; excellent bread, rolls, and pastry; good City references. Call at No. 137 West 51st-st.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—BY A RELIABLE and competent woman in small genteel family; excellent bread and pastry maker; good City reference. Call at No. 153 West 23d-st., third floor.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—BY A YOUNG woman as excellent plain cook and laundress; good baker; in small private family; best City reference; country preferred. Call at No. 114 West 33d-st.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook; thoroughly understands all branches of English and American cooking; best City references. Call at No. 116 West 33d-st.

COOK.—BY A MOST EXCELLENT COOK; ENGLISH and American cooking in all its branches; first-class baker; best City references. Call at No. 207 East 39th-st., basement.

COOK.—BY A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT woman in all kinds of soups, meats, and cakes; several years' City reference from last place. Call at No. 329 8th-av.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS ENGLISH FAMILY cook; Newport preferred for the Summer; City references from last place. Call at No. 159 West 27th-st., one pair stairs up, front room.

COOK.—KITCHEN-MAID.—BY A FRENCH cook; understands her business thoroughly, and has her own kitchen-maid; good City references. Apply at No. 107 West 25th-st.

COOK.—BY COMPETENT WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook in a private family; understands cooking in all branches; best City references. Call at No. 345 East 35th-st.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook; boiling, French dishes; all kinds soups; excellent baking in all branches; City reference. Call at No. 119 West 46th-st., near 6th-av.

COOK.—BY A WOMAN AS COMPETENT COOK in small private family; understands her business thoroughly; assist in washing; best City reference. Call at No. 178 Waverley-place.

COOK.—BY AN EXPERIENCED ENGLISHWOMAN (as French cook; excellent baker; willing to assist with washing; City or country; best City references. Call at No. 237 East 54th-st.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN PROTestant cook; best City references; no cards. Call at No. 218 West 35th-st., third bell.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK; HAS BEST City references; four years in last employment. Call at No. 117 West 30th-st.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—BY A GOOD PLAIN cook and laundress; moderate wages; best City references. Call at No. 317 West 35th-st., room No. 8.

COOK.—BY A GOOD COOK IN PRIVATE FAMily; best City reference; City or country. Address R. K., Box 254 Times Up-town Office, 1,238 Broadway.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS cook in private family; understands all branches of cooking. Call at No. 35 West 27th-st., present employer's.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK; ONE THAT understands her work in all its branches; has four years' references. Call at No. 117 West 30th-st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A German young woman in a small private family; best City references. Call at No. 444 West 45th-st., rear.

COOK AND ASSIST WITH WASHING.—BY a respectable woman in private family; best City references. Call at No. 243 West 18th-st., one flight, rear.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS first-class cook in a private family; good City reference. Call at No. 240 East 54th-st.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS ENGLISH PROTestant cook; City reference. Call at 157 West 33d-st.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook. Call at No. 815 3d-av., fourth floor.

DRESS-MAKER.—A COMPETENT DRESS-maker wishes a few more customers by the day; cuts and fits ladies' and children's dresses; 24 operators on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Address Dress-maker, Box No. 279 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

DRESS-MAKER.—BY A FIRST-CLASS DRESS-maker; a few more engagements by day; understands all kinds of sewing on a machine. Call at No. 208 East 38th-st., second bell.

DRESS-MAKER.—COMPETENT; BY THE DAY or week; perfect fitter and designer; references. Address G. R., Box No. 311 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

DRESS-MAKER.—BY AN EXPERIENCED dress-maker, engagements by the day or week in private families; best City reference. Address M. C., Box No. 263 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

DRESS-MAKER AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY a competent woman; engagements in families; terms, $1 per day; fits and trims. Address Mrs. M. S., Box No. 290 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

DRESS-MAKER AND SEAMSTRESS.—Competent; wishes families' work; operates Wheeler & Wilson's and Gibbs's machines. Call at 163 7th-av.

DRESS-MAKER.—DESIRES A FEW ENGAGEments by the day; is a good cutter, fitter, and stylish trimmer. Call at No. 474 West 22d-st.

HOUSEKEEPER.—BY A KIND, MOTHERLY, refined, a thorough, practical housekeeper. A position in family or hotel; experienced in both; no objection to leave the City; references. Address, for one week, W. C., Box No. 213 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

HOUSEKEEPER, &c.—BY A YOUNG AMERIcan widow, having her own Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machine, would like to take charge of linen-room, housekeeper, or any position of trust. City or country. Address Industry, Box No. 271 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

HOUSEKEEPER.—BY A WIDOW WOMAN, position as housekeeper in unincumbered house; no family; best references. Call on Mrs. Dingle, No. 499 10th-av., first floor.

HOUSEKEEPER OR COMPANION.—BY A lady of refinement and experience, as housekeeper or companion; best of references. Address Miss Hayley, Box No. 360 Times Up-town Office, 1,238 Broadway.

HOUSEKEEPER.—CARE OF CHILDREN OR to do plain sewing; by a middle-aged lady of large experience. Address Mrs. W. M., Box 221 Times Office.

LADY'S MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—FROM north of Germany (Protestant), to go to Europe or Newport. Same, well engaged at present employer's. No. 220 West 54th-st.

LADY'S MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY A French lady's maid and seamstress; six years' references from last place. Call, for two days, at No. 66 East 4th-st., second floor.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTestant girl; or would do fine washing or chamber-work. Call at the best of City references. Call at No. 133 West 35th-st.

LAUNDRESS.—AS FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS (in a private family); no objection to go with a family to the country; can give three years' City references; no boiled cards answered. Call at No. 241 West 44th-st.

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LAUNDRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN (as first-class laundress; has no objection to assist in chamber-work; good City references. Call at No. 201 East 26th-st.

MONTHLY OR INVALID NURSE.—Married lady (British born) to meet all present country ers. No. 436 West 23d-st.

NURSE, &c.—BY A COMPETENT YOUNG WOMAN as nurse and seamstress; can take entire charge of an infant; long and satisfactory references from present employer; would be willing to travel to Europe. Call at No. 126 East 126th-st.

NURSE.—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT AS first-class nurse; fully capable of taking entire charge of an infant and bring it up on the bottle; good City references from present employers. Call at No. 13 Gramercy Park.

NURSERY GOVERNESS.—BY A RESPECTable-connected young lady in a good family; no objection to leave the City; highest references. Address for one week, E. M. R., Box No. 328 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY A NORTH German Protestant to care or two grown children, or to wait on lady; cuts and fits children's clothing; can sew on different machines; City references. Call at No. 53 East 7th-st.; ring third bell.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG PROTestant girl; capable of bringing up a baby on the bottle; would like to travel; is willing and obliging; very best references. Call, two days, No. 343 West 30th-st., second floor, front.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG FRENCH GIRL; WHO has good references; speaks and reads French well; is willing to do some chamber-work. Call, for one week, at No. 604 6th-av., bakery.

NURSE.—BY A THOROUGH INFANT'S NURSE; experienced in the care of children; takes entire charge; understands feeding with the bottle; City references. Call at No. 241 West 22d-st.

NURSE.—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN TO WAIT on invalid lady; has a good deal of experience; best City references. Call, for two days, at No. 709 6th-av., toy store.

NURSE.—BY A GOOD GIRL AS NURSE AND TO assist with chamber-work with a family who go in the country during the Summer; excellent references. Address E. J., No. 311 East 80th-st.

NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY A YOUNG girl as nurse and seamstress; best City references. Call at No. 443 West 40th-st.

NURSE.—BY A COMPETENT SCOTCH PERSON (as child's nurse; many years' experience; first-class City references. Call, two days, at No. 126 West 49th-st.

NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—BY A FIRST-class, respectable girl; best City references. Call at No. 378 6th-av., near 30th-st.

NURSE.—BY AN EXPERIENCED YOUNG WOMAN as first-class nurse; very best City reference. Call at No. 121 West 19th-st.

NURSE.—BY A FIRST-CLASS NURSE AND seamstress; two years' reference from last place. Call at No. 323 West 27th-st.

SEAMSTRESS, &c.—BY A FIRST-CLASS seamstress and thorough chamber-maid; willing and obliging; no objections to the country; best City references. Address M. K., Box No. 308 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

SEAMSTRESS.—BY COMPETENT SEAMstress; can cut and fit; understands all kinds of family sewing; willing to care grown children; unexceptionable reference. Address A. B. D., Box No. 317 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

SEAMSTRESS AND LADY'S MAID.—BY AN American girl as seamstress and lady's maid; can furnish the best of references; has no objection to the country. Call at No. 68 West 12th-st.

SEAMSTRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS competent seamstress; good operator; would assist with light chamber-work or wait on a lady; good City reference. Call at No. 50 East 41st-st.

SEAMSTRESS.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN; UNderstands dress-making; willing to assist with children; has the best references; a first-class operator. Call at No. 672 3d-av.

TO TRAVEL.—A SCOTCH PROTESTANT GIRL wishes to find a family going to Europe, to take care of growing children and to be generally useful. Call at No. 448 West 31st-st.

WAITRESS AND ASSIST IN CHAMBER-Work.—By a young woman in private family; best City reference. Address M. M., Box No. 301 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

WAITRESS.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS in a first-class family; has an objection to the country; highest City references given. Call at 137 West 21st-st.

WAITRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN in a private family; City or country; has 7 years' references from her last place. Call at 109 West 46th-st.

WAITRESS.—BY A WELSH PROTESTANT girl as first-class waitress; good City reference. Call at No. 220 East 59th-st.

WAITRESS.—BY A THOROUGHLY COMPetent waitress; in a private family. Address Y. Z., Box 250 Times Office. Call at No. 125 East 41st-st., ring third bell.

WAITRESS.—CALL FROM 10 TO 1 O'CLOCK at her present employer's, No. 45 West 19th-st.

WASHING.—BY A FIRST-CLASS NORWEGIAN washing at her own house; fluting and polishing. Call at 208 West 37th-st., or 78 Box-st., Greenpoint.

WET-NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG married woman as wet-nurse. Call, for two days, at No. 269 3d-av., near 21st-st.

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MALES.

ATTENDANT.—BY A MIDDLE-AGED SCOTCH woman as attendant in a doctor's or dentist's office; has filled a similar position for five years; best of references. Call at No. 6 6th-st.

BUTLER.—BY A STEADY MAN, FULLY COMPetent and reliable, to take entire charge of a gentleman's establishment, &c.; is a first-class caterer, as references from last employers will testify; no objection to the country. Address, or call, Box No. 283 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

BUTLER.—BY AN ENGLISHMAN IN A PRIvate family; willing and obliging; good carver and good salad-maker; not afraid of work; City or country; best City references. Address G. R., No. 117 West 30th-st., in store.

BUTLER.—BY A RESPECTABLE ENGLISHMAN; Protestant; is first-class waiter and a good carver; understands his business thoroughly; best City references. Address J. S., Box No. 279 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—IS A MEMBER of Presbyterian Church; age 33; married; no children; can milk if required; is thoroughly competent; is his reference from his last place; country preferred; late employer can be seen if required. Address J. M., Box No. 312 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN.—A GENTLEMAN WISHES A situation for his coachman, who is a superior man; has lived with me three years; thoroughly understands care and treatment of horses; is a neat and competent driver. For references address W. 1,294 Broadway, Room No. 8, or can be seen at No. 122 West 26th-st., private stable.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—AMERICAN (Protestant; married; no children; sober, industrious, &c., if necessary; neat, active, temperate, very handy, and not afraid to work; very best City and country references. Address J. K., Box No. 301 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN.—AS FIRST-CLASS COACHMAN, single; thoroughly understands his business; will be found willing and obliging; no objection to any part of the country where there is good situation offered; 12 years' best City reference. Call or address N. S., No. 84 4th-av., Campbell's harness store.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE Scotchman; married; no children; is willing to go country; understands care of horses, carriages, and harness; country preferred. City references, four years from last employer. Address J. C., Box No. 289 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN, GARDENER, AND GENERALLY Useful.—By a German Protestant single man; who thoroughly understands the proper care and management of horses and carriages; is an excellent driver; strictly temperate and obliging; good reference. Address A. Box No. 293 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A SINgle young man; as coachman and gardener; thoroughly understands the care of road and carriage horses; good plain gardener; can milk; will be found willing and obliging; best personal reference from present and former employers. Address W. T., Box 249 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man; thoroughly understands his business; good careful driver; can milk; understands gardening; willing and obliging; best of references; last employer can be seen in this City. Address H. K., Box No. 210 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A single man who thoroughly understands the proper care and management of horses and carriages; is an excellent driver; strictly temperate and obliging; moderate wages; good references. Address L. A., No. 1 Jay-st.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man; thoroughly understands his business; is a good, careful driver; will make himself generally useful around a gentleman's place; has first-class references. Call or address Coachman, No. 26 Greenwich-st., care Michael O'Brien.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE Crouns man; will be well recommended in every respect; is sober, willing, and obliging; country preferred; seven years' reference. Call or address No. 35 East 56th-st., private stable.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A FIRST-class English Protestant; married; no children; prefers to take charge of a gentleman's place; wages moderate; no objection to go in this City. Address Miss Hayley, Box No. 360 Times Up-town Office, 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN.—A GENTLEMAN WISHES TO procure a situation for his coachman; English; has been in my employment 12 months; I can recommend him as thoroughly efficient, sober, honest, and trustworthy. Address A. W., Box No. 3,489 Post Office.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY SINGLE man; understands the care and management of horses, harness, and carriages; excellent driver; sober, honest, and willing; best of references; recommended from his last employer. Address S. P., Box No. 215 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A RESPECTable man having seven years' reference from last employer; strictly sober; honest and trustworthy; a good driver and careful groom. Call or address Edward, No. 345 8th-av., second floor.

COACHMAN OR GROOM.—BY A YOUNG MAN; City or country; has been City fireman; best employer. Call or address No. 119 Madison-av.

COACHMAN, &c.—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN (as coachman and gardener; over six years' reference from last place. Address F. E., No. 428 West 17th-st.

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MALES.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPONSIBLE MAN; thoroughly understands his business in every particular; is a careful City driver and an excellent groom; nine years' City references from last employer. Call or address O. N., No. 135 West 51st-st., private stable, for two days.

COACHMAN—COOK.—BY A MARRIED MAN (as coachman; his wife as plain cook and plain washing; both willing and obliging; no children; best references; City or country. Address M. M., Box No. 275 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—PROTESTANT (married; a first-class man; well recommended, and thoroughly competent in every respect; City or country; five years' satisfactory references. Address Falkner, No. 1,294 1st-av.

COACHMAN, &c.—HOUSE-WORK.—BY A Quaker and wife as a gentleman's place or farm; man as coachman and gardener; wife as housework; best of your references; first-class in every respect. Address T. F., Box No. 240 Times Office.

COACHMAN.—BY A RELIABLE COLORED MAN; 12 years' City experience; thorough knowledge of his business in every respect; highest reference from last place. Call or address C. E. W., private stable, No. 123 West 21st-st.

COACHMAN—GROOM.—BY TWO FIRST-CLASS men, either separate or together; City or country, (latter preferred;) first-class references; will be found willing and obliging in every respect. Call or address T. R., No. 47 East 32d-st., private stable.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A SINgle young man; country preferred; willing to make himself generally useful; six years' good references. Address D. E., Box No. 304 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COACHMAN.—DISENGAGED BY FAMILY LEAV-ing; thoroughly understands his business; good, careful driver; can milk; understands gardening; willing and obliging; best of references; last employer can be seen in this City. Address H. K., Box No. 210 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A SINgle man; thoroughly understands his business; is a good, careful driver; will make himself generally useful around a gentleman's place; has first-class references. Call or address Coachman, No. 26 Greenwich-st., care Michael O'Brien.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE Crouns man; will be well recommended in every respect; is sober, willing, and obliging; country preferred; seven years' reference. Call or address No. 35 East 56th-st., private stable.

COACHMAN AND GARDENER.—BY A FIRST-class English Protestant; married; no children; prefers to take charge of a gentleman's place; wages moderate; no objection to horse; excellent City references. Address J. McCallough, Box No. 309 Times Office.

GARDENER.—BY A SINGLE MAN OF PRACTIcal experience in the various branches of horticulture, fruit-growing and floriculture; a good plain cook is required; best of references from either country. Address A. Z., Box No. 237, for three days, Times Office.

GARDENER AND FARMER.—BY A MARried man; small family; thoroughly competent in both branches; strictly sober, honest, and obliging; Protestant; good references. Address J. M., Box No. 315 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

GARDENER.—BY A FIRST-CLASS GERMAN; single; age 30; thoroughly understands greenhouse, grapery, fruits, and vegetables; first-class references. Address J. S., care of seed store, No. 125 Chambers-st.

GARDENER.—BY MARRIED GERMAN, WITHout children; either as assistant gardener on a gentleman's place; is used to care of a small place; wife would do general house-work; good references. Address A. K., Box 254 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

GARDENER.—BY A MIDDLE-AGED SCOTCH man; single; fully capable of taking care of a gentleman's place; 15 years' recommendations from last place. Address Scotchman, No. 12 Cortlandt-st.

GARDENER.—COMPETENT IN FRUITS, FLOWers, and vegetables, greenhouse and graperies; first-class plantsman; long experience in this country; best reference. Address J. E., Box No. 241 Times Office.

GARDENER.—BY A MARRIED MAN, (ONE BOY, 8 years old;) 18 years in last place; good references; willing and obliging. Address W. G., Box 62 Franklin, Brooklyn.

GARDENER.—BY A FIRST-CLASS GARDENER; has been 20 years in his last place. Address Gardener, care of T. S. Shepherd, Mechanic Fire Insurance Company, No. 120 Broadway.

GARDENER.—BY A MIDDLE-AGED MAN, (married 20 years in last place; good reference. Call or address No. 15 dock-st., seed store.

WAITER—COOK.—BY MAN AND WIFE, TOgether or separate; both first class; the cook superior baker; understands English and American cooking; highest City reference as to character and ability. Address, for two days, Man and Wife, Box No. 302 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

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EVENTS IN THE METROPOLIS

THE DEATH OF MRS. DEUTCH.

RESULTS OF THE POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION AND INQUEST.

Coroner Knox yesterday impanneled a jury in the case of Mrs. Harriet Deutch, née Van Buren, the woman who died at No. 234 West Eleventh-street from opium-poisoning. The jury, consisting of Drs. R. Ogden, Jr., O. G. Smith, George V. Skiff, and J. P. Campbell, and Messrs. Thomas Van Tine, F. L. Fisher, W. J. Button, J. W. Rose, J. Davidson, and J. McGrey, assembled in the afternoon at No. 79 Greenwich-avenue, and were sworn in by the Coroner. They then formally viewed the remains of the unfortunate woman. The autopsy had been previously made by Deputy Coroner Devlin, who found the vessels of the brain engorged and about a dram of fluid in the lateral ventricles. The stomach was slightly contested, and the Doctor took possession of it to have the contents analyzed. Dr. Devlin also found fatty degeneration of the heart and liver, and granular degeneration of the kidneys. The immediate cause of death was the opium-poisoning. A certificate was granted, in which the causes of death were given as apnœa, Bright's disease of the kidneys, aortic insufficiency, and fatty degeneration of the liver, accelerated by an overdose of opium. The following testimony was taken by the Coroner:

Mrs. Margaret Morgan, who keeps the boarding-house where the woman died, testified that two weeks ago Deutch came to the house and engaged board for the deceased, whom he called Mrs. Van Buren; he said he was her agent. On March 30 they came together. Deutch went away, and then came back again. After she had been in the house four days she complained of being ill, and had a great deal of pain. Dr. Miller was sent for, and attended her. The patient refused to take the medicine ordered. After the Doctor left she said that she would have some toast and tea. While the tea was being prepared Miss Montaine, one of the boarders, called to see her, and found her lying on the bed unconscious. Mrs. Morgan then went to the room and found her dead. She sent for the doctor, but before he arrived the man Deutch came in, and Mrs. Morgan told him that Mrs. Van Buren was dead. He did not seem to be affected by the news, but went up to the room, looked at the dead woman, but made no remark. He then left and returned 15 minutes later with a lady. He brought her into the room, did not say a word to any one, and went out of the house. This lady was Mrs. Brodhead, a cousin of the deceased. Deutch did not return to the house.

Miss Belle Montaine testified that Mrs. Van Buren (as she was known in the house) spoke of Deutch as her friend or guardian. On Monday night she went to the room occupied by deceased and found her dead. No further testimony was taken, and the inquest was adjourned until Monday next at 3 P. M.

Mr. Barent Livingston, a cousin of the deceased, has taken charge of the arrangements for the funeral, which will take place from the undertaker's shop in Greenwich-avenue, at 3 o'clock this morning, and the interment will be made at Woodlawn.

Mr. Max R. W. Newhall testified that Deutch said yesterday that Deutch had been his client for two years. He was married to Miss Van Buren on Nov. 2, 1876, and on the 3d of December of the same year she obtained a divorce from him. The divorce was granted by Judge W. C. Cox, of Beaver County, Utah, on the ground of incompatibility of temper. Subsequently, statements having been circulated that Deutch had fraudulently obtained a divorce from her, Miss Van Buren voluntarily made an affidavit on Dec. 11, 1877, denying these statements, and setting forth that she had obtained the divorce. Since the divorce, Deutch, although not living with her, exercised a general oversight of her affairs and interested himself in her welfare. He had means of his own, and when Miss Van Buren frittered away her income foolishly he often lent her money to meet her bills. Mr. Newhall said that the deceased had been a confirmed opium-eater for eight years past.

NEWARK, April 7.—Benjamin F. Crane, a real estate agent, at No. 494 Broad-street, in this city, has transacted business for Mrs. Deutch for several years. "My acquaintance with Miss Van Buren," he says, "began about three years ago. She was introduced to me by a friend, and she placed the management of her property in my hands. She had resided in Belleville-avenue, in this city, for a time. From here she went to Orange, where she only remained a few months, going last Summer to Bethlehem, Penn. While she was here she was under the treatment of Dr. Isaac A. Nichols, and she improved under his instructions. I never knew she was married, although I have seen Mr. Deutch frequently. He was with her a great deal, but I do not think any suspicions ever erode respecting their intimacy. It is about a year and a half since I saw her last, but I received letters from her constantly, the last one last week. I became convinced that she was indulging in opium, or some equally powerful stimulant, nearly two years ago, her letters showed it, as they were often incoherent and fanciful in construction, some of them were utterly wild and meaningless. Miss Van Buren owned some property, a valuable house in New-York in particular. If Deutch ill-treated her in other ways, there was certainly no indications of compulsion in her business. She suffered a great deal."

THE TWO DEAD PARTNERS.

FUNERAL SERVICES THAT ATTRACTED A NOTABLE GATHERING.

Calvary Church, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-first-street, was filled yesterday morning with a large gathering of the friends, relatives, and acquaintances of the late Herman D. Aldrich and Robert H. McCurdy, formerly business partners, who died on the same day, and over whose remains a joint funeral service was held. The large number of white-headed gentlemen present presented a remarkable spectacle. The coffins inclosing the remains of the deceased were placed, as usual, in the centre aisle, in front of the chancel. They were very plain. A crown, wreath, and sheaf of wheat were the only floral decorations. The services were those of the Episcopal Church, the choir assisting. A noticeable feature of the services, however, was the participation of Dr. George L. Prentiss, a Presbyterian clergyman, of the Union Theological Seminary. He pronounced the funeral oration over the remains of Mr. McCurdy, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an old friend of Dr. Prentiss. The Episcopal clergymen were: Bishop Potter, the Rev. Edward A. Washburn, Rector of Calvary Church; the Rev. Dr. Walker, of St. George's Church, and the Rev. W. W. Atterbury, of the New-York Bible House. The Rev. Mr. Washburn made a few well-chosen remarks on the life of Mr. Aldrich. The Episcopal divines wore their white robes, with black scarfs; the Presbyterian clergyman the black silk robe usual with divines of that denomination. The pall-bearers were: Senator Frelinghuysen, Judge Henry E. Davies, Samuel D. Babcock, Oliver Harriman, James G. Auwarter, George F. Hope, George S. Coe, Austin Dall, Frederick S. Winston, the Hon. William E. Dodge, Charles Butler, William W. Wright, Thomas F. Buckley, Samuel Kayser, M. B. Edson, Charles Collins. A number of the officers of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which Mr. McCurdy was a Director, Peter Cooper, Thurlow Weed, Philip T. Rugkies, Thomas C. Acton, Aldermen Morris, Judge Peabody, George H. Andrews, Wilson G. Hunt, John Sherwood, F. D. Tappen, James M. Brown, George W. Burnham, the Rev. Dr. Adams, Aaron Cladin, John T. Agnew, James L. Halstead, ex-Senator James F. Pierce, G. H. Taylor, Frederick A. Conkling, Charles Hemingway, of Boston; Charles Delavan, Gen. James Watson Webb, Martin Bates, Marshall O. Roberts, D. D. T. Marshall, Alfred Edwards, Judge Palmer, David Dudley Field, Francis Cutting, Henry A. Hurlbut, ex-Commissioner Wood, A. W. Spees, Judge Pancher, John Pyne, Richard M. Hoe, and the physicians of the deceased, Drs. Walker, Delafield, and Parnham. At the close of the services the remains of the two partners, followed by a long procession of friends, were taken to Green-wood Cemetery and interred in adjoining lots. The services at the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Atwater.

A WOMAN STABBED IN THE STREET.

An attempt to commit murder was made at about 6:30 last evening in front of the Morse Building, corner of Nassau and Beekman streets. At that hour Nassau-street was crowded with pedestrians hurrying home from their work. Henry Schnowid, a German shoe-maker, was among the number, and as he reached the Morse Building he encountered a woman. Quick as thought he brandished a knife in the air, and brought it down upon the back of the neck of the woman, drawing it round the cheek, and inflicting an ugly wound. The woman threw up her hand to ward off a second blow, and received a wound on her thumb. Schnowid then calmly replaced the knife in his belt, and walked slowly up the street, followed by a dense crowd of people, all of whom, however, kept at a respectable distance from the man and the knife. In Spring-street, near Nassau, Officer Buckley, of the Fourth Precinct, appeared, and throwing his arms around Schnowid, disarmed and arrested him. At the Oak-Street Station the prisoner said that jealousy was the cause of his murderous attack. The woman, Amelia Brenden, had lived with him as his wife for 14 years, but had recently deserted him, and he had resolved to execute her on the first opportunity. He was locked up for examination this morning, and the woman was sent to the Gouverneur Hospital. Her wounds are not thought to be serious.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED.

The Republicans of the Twelfth Assembly District met last evening at No. 70 Avenue D, Ald. D. Bennett in the chair. The Finance Committee, which had been directed to investigate charges against Victor Hetzberger, ex-President of the assembly district, reported that they had examined the accounts of the last Finance Committee, and found that everything had been kept very closely, and that not one dollar of Mr. Hetzberger's money, or money belonging to any friend of the association's money, had he had any. The committee, therefore, recommended that Mr. Hetzberger be honorably acquitted. Mr. Hetzberger said that he had received a note on account of the Finance Committee, but was not aware that the Committee had reported against him. He had handed the note to the Finance Committee. The latter allowed him $40 as a gift, and on his declining to receive it, the committee pressed the money upon him, saying it was the custom for the President to receive a present at that season of the year. He accepted the gift, and it was this money that he had been accused of embezzling. On election day he had spent $90, or $50 in excess of the money he had been presented with by the Finance Committee. The men who had preferred these charges were those who had sold out on election day. On motion, Mr. Heimberger was declared honorably acquitted.

THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION.

MR. CAMPBELL REDUCES THE RATE FOR CROTON WATER USED BY HOTELS.

A quarterly meeting of the Hotel Association was held last evening in the St. Nicholas Hotel, Mr. Uriah Welsh presiding. The subject of Croton water charges was discussed. Last Fall water-meters were put into all the hotels by order of the Commissioner of Public Works, and a rate of 15 cents per 100 cubic feet was established, which, as the hotel keepers subsequently discovered, amounted to about four times the charge to private houses and others where consumption was not measured by meters. Lawyers who were consulted expressed the opinion that hotels were on the same footing as private houses, their guests constituting families as much as the inmates of the latter. Mr. Alvin Burt, counsel for the Hotel Association, acting under instructions from that body, held several interviews with Commissioner Campbell on the subject. Mr. Burt argued that the water rates of hotels were unjustly excessive as compared with the amounts collected from consumers not supplied with meters, and that the rates were more than double those in Chicago, where the water has to be pumped by the City Government. At the meeting last evening Mr. Burt reported that Commissioner Campbell had consented to reduce the charge by meter measurement to 7½ cents per 100 cubic feet, one-half of the rates adopted last Fall, or to 1 cent per 100 gallons. From the tenor of the discussion which followed the acceptance of the report it would appear that the hotel-keepers regard even 7½ cents per 100 cubic feet as excessive when compared with the rate charged private houses. It was estimated that the hotels would still be paying $3 per capita per year, while a general estimate of the number of inhabitants using Croton water showed that others are charged at the rate of $2 per capita. The association was, however, well pleased with the result of their counsel's efforts, and a resolution thanking Commissioner Campbell for the reduction ordered April 3 was unanimously adopted.

THE IRVING HALL DEMOCRATS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY.

The sub-committee of 24 of the Executive Committee of the Irving Hall Democracy, elected on Tuesday, met last evening and organized. This committee is a very important part of this faction of the local Democratic Party. In it originate nearly all the plans and measures which after adoption by the Executive Committee are finally approved by the General Committee. It is very seldom that the sub-committee receives upon any plan of action that the "machine" is not obliged to approve. The members of the committee are as follows:

Districts.		Districts.	
1	John Fox.	12	John Clark.
2	Jeremiah C. Murphy.	13	John Tyler Kelly.
3	Daniel O'Reilly.	14	Thomas Costigan.
4	Charles Rielly.	15	Maurice J. Power.
5	Michael Norton.	17	Henry Murray.
6	James Ryan.	18	Robert O. Thompson.
7	George H. Purser.	19	William B. Finley.
8	Bernard Kenny.	20	William A. Butler.
9	Timothy Shea.	21	John Tracey.
10	William J. Mitchell.	22	William S. Andrews.
11	Henry Ford.	23	Hugh R. Moore.
12	Peter Bowe.	24	James J. Mooney.

At the meeting last night ex-Counsel Clerk Thompson and ex-Senator John Fox were placed in nomination for Chairman for the Chairmanship of the committee. Mr. Thompson was not desirous of holding the office and ex-Senator Fox was unanimously elected. William P. Mitchell and Col. John Tracy, of the Mayor's office, were chosen as Secretaries. A committee consisting of the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, Chairman of the General Committee; Col. Emanuel B. Hart, ex-Judge John McKeon, Mr. George H. Purser, ex-Assistant District Attorney John R. Fellows, and Sheriff Peter Bowe, was appointed to send a reply to the Democratic Union in regard to the proposition of that organization looking to a union of the Democratic factions of the State for the Presidential campaign, and the committee was directed to say that the Irving Hall Democracy would form no union with any body of Democrats that would not agree beforehand to support the nominees of the National Convention, whoever he may be.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

THREE BLOWS WITH AN AXE THAT MAY CAUSE TIMOTHY MADDEN'S DEATH.

A very strange case of attempted murder occurred yesterday afternoon at the foot of Horatio-street, on the ice-dock. Timothy Madden, who was assaulted, is 28 years old, and lives at No. 146 Horatio-street. He is employed as a laborer by the Consumers' Ice Company. His assailant, Patrick Kearney, was employed by the New-York Ice Company. He bore an indifferent reputation, had a violent temper, and lived occasionally with his wife in West-street, near Charles-street. Madden and Kearney had known each other five years. Their relations had, apparently, been friendly up to the time of the assault. Yesterday morning they were seen talking together peaceably. About 4 o'clock Madden was sweeping up the part of the dock used by the Consumers' Ice Company. Kearney sauntered out of the stable used by the New-York Ice Company with an ice-axe on his shoulder. He walked up to Madden and said, pleasantly, "What fun are you cleaning up the dock, Tim?" Madden said, "Yes, Pat," nonchalantly, and stooped to put a shovel of rubbish in a barrow. Kearney continued, "Well, we're cleaning up too," and, at the conclusion of the sentence, dealt Madden a violent blow with the axe on the top of the head. In the struggle which followed Kenny struck him twice on the head again with the weapon. A score of workmen were looking on, but Kearney threatened to kill the first one who interfered. He then leisurely walked back to his stable, threw down his axe, washed his hands at a neighboring hydrant, and disappeared. Madden walked to the Charles-Street Police Station, and thence was transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition. Coroner Knox took his ante-mortem statement, in which he said that he knew of no reason for the assault, except, possibly, that he had not married a girl who was a friend of Kearney. Capt. Reddel had not arrested Kearney up to a late hour last night.

STRANGE PROVISIONS IN A WILL.

John Mildenberger, of Tarrytown, Westchester County, died about 10 years ago, at the age of 74 years. He left a will, which, after providing for the payment of all his just debts and disposing of some heirlooms, further provided that the residue of his estate, valued at about $50,000, should be divided between his three grandsons—Selden M. Spencer, William R. Kenyon, and Seymour H. Spencer, the latter a Catholic priest. The conditions under which they were to receive their legacies were very peculiar. Selden M. Spencer was to receive one-third of the amount as soon as he should marry. In case he should die not having married, his share was to be added to that of William R. Kenyon, who also was given one-third under similar conditions. If he, too, should die unmarried, both the two thirds already mentioned were to be added to the third bequeathed to Seymour H. Spencer under the same conditions, provided he renounced the Roman Catholic faith. The three young men were minors at the time of the making of the will, but having become of age about a year ago, they commenced a suit before Judge Pratt to make void the limitation and restriction as to marriage, and compel the Executors of the will, James S. See, William Hawes and William B. Landrine to pay over to them the amounts bequeathed them. The priest was represented by T. C. Campbell, Mr. Kenyon by Samuel Ward, Mr. Spencer by M. E. Sawyer, and the Executors by L. T. Yale. Judge Pratt has rendered his decision in favor of the Executors, and sustaining the provisions of the will. The will further provided that in case the marriage stipulation was not complied with, the entire sum should revert to the children of Hester Ann Lee, wife of Dr. Charles A. Lee, of Peekskill, she being his sister.

A NEW DRIVING CLUB.

Pursuant to invitation, a number of gentlemen assembled yesterday afternoon at No. 25 East Twenty-sixth-street, to organize a new driving club, to be known as the "Road Club." The object of the organization is the promotion of coaching and the enjoyment of the pleasures of the road. The meeting was called for 4 o'clock. A majority of the gentlemen invited were in attendance, and the club was organized by the election of the following officers: President—Frederick Bronson; Vice-President—Leonard W. Jerome; Secretary and Treasurer—Hugo Fritsch. Mr. Woodbury Langdon and Mr. James Kernochan were elected members of the Executive Committee. The rules and constitution of the Coaching Club, with which the Road Club is in full accord, were adopted, with some slight modifications. The club is limited to 100 members; it has now 44. Eligibility to an election requires an interest of at least one-fourth in a coach—that is, each coach may represent four members. Meetings will be held monthly, and there will be monthly dinners. The first parade will take place on the last Saturday but one in May. The route to be followed on that occasion will be determined by the Executive Committee.

COX AND BALBO.

The committee in the case of the condemned murderers, Cox and Balbo, had not been received at the District Attorney's office yesterday up to the closing hour, but the document is expected to-day. District Attorney Phelps said that the condemned men would be brought before Chief-Justice Davis and Justices Barrett and Brady, in the General Term of the Supreme Court on Monday morning next, in order that the day of their execution may be named. Counsel for Cox, Francis N. Stephens, of Jersey City, and Mr. Hall, of Newark, had conferred with Cox yesterday in relation to a statement of facts which "Take warning by me," said the negro, "and when you get out of prison be a better man." Warden Man intends to all visitors who call at the City Prison to see Cox and Balbo merely out of morbid curiosity. Both men are quite cheerful.

PARALYSIS OF THE INSANE.

ABRAHAM GOELING'S CASE REVIEWED BY DR. HAMMOND.

At the meeting of the Medico-Legal Society last evening, the principal attraction was a discussion by Prof. William A. Hammond, M. D., on cerebral paralysis of the insane, with especial reference to the case of Abraham Goeling. The disease in question, Dr. Hammond claimed, is capable of easy recognition. In ordinary cases the physical symptoms make their appearance first. They begin with a tremulous motion about the lips when the patient is about to speak, and he appears like a baby commencing to cry. This tremor of the lips is an indication of the disease. It is followed after a time by a difficulty with the mechanism of speech. Then the affections of the mental system come on rather suddenly, and the patient entertains some strange notions regarding proper conduct, or will spend money lavishly. In one case that came under his notice, the patient spent several hundred dollars in buying sheep. Another went to dig holes, looking for treasure. Another went to alter his house by boring holes through the roof to secure increased ventilation. Another prominent case was a Greek merchant, who first showed mental trouble by stopping at Tiffany's and purchasing an enormous amount of jewelry, which he brought home to his wife, and made her parade with them before him for hours, to his apparent great delight. Another gave a check for $1,000 to his servant for bringing him a glass of water, and $1,500 to a man who treated him to some crackers and cheese. Another announced his intention to travel in Europe in unprecedented style, and began negotiations to charter the Great Eastern, with the Scotia for a tender, taking a band of 400 pieces and a corps of physicians, to be commanded by Dr. Hammond and another medical attendant, each of whom was to receive a salary of a million dollars a month. After this cerebral enthusiasm, there generally follows a period of great mental depression, during which the patient weeps habitually. Then again comes a stage of exultation, being a condition of intense egotism, which is known as "the delirium of grandeur." The patient in some cases owns all trout streams in the world; in others all the water-power; in others, he possesses all the personal beauty, including the desperate adoration of all the women in creation. In one case a patient boasted of being the lightest man in the world, and was only able to hold himself on earth by virtue of the strongest will, whose constant exercise alone kept him from sailing among the stars; while another considered himself so heavy that no power could lift him, but explained, when a small man moved him around easily, that he was possessed of angels who left him nothing to say in the matter when they thought proper to use their wings.

Dr. Hammond cited a vast number of other cases, and detailed the successive symptoms of general paralysis and paralytic insanity. The tests he acquired from a long experience he applied to the case of Goeling, whom he first examined on the 26th of February last. He found that Goeling at that time exhibited all the symptoms of paralytic insanity. He was aware of a number of cases in which remissions occurred, wherein the patients became to all intents and purposes well men; but the disease always returned. In one patient remained apparently sane and sound for 11 years, and then another 3 years, at the end of which they died. "Under all these circumstances," concluded Dr. Hammond, "I had no hesitation in going into court and pronouncing this man, Goeling, the subject of paralysis, and I am willing to staking my reputation on the correctness of that opinion. If Goeling be a living man in three years from now, I will burn my diploma and retire from the practice of my profession."

THE FULTON MARKET.

SHALL IT BE REMOVED AND A NEW ONE ERECTED?

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, consisting of Mayor Cooper, Controller Kelly, Recorder Smyth, Chamberlain Tappan, and Alderman Keenan, met yesterday, in the City Hall, for the purpose of taking action on various communications that were received since the previous session. The question of leasing the Fulton Market property was called up by the Mayor, who announced that an opinion had been sent in by the Corporation Counsel on the subject, in answer to a resolution of the board, inquiring whether they have the right to execute a lease of the property, providing the present market building should be removed and another erected in its stead, or whether the lease must provide for the maintenance of the present building as a part of the market property. The Corporation Counsel, in his opinion, says:

"The dilapidated condition of a number of the principal market buildings in this City has long been notorious. The Board of Health has declared the condition of the Fulton Market Building to be detrimental to life and health, and that no amount of repairs will place it in a proper sanitary condition, and that the public health requires its removal and the substitution of a new building; and it would seem that said board, if it saw fit, might order said building to be removed. The Building Department has also declared that it would be impracticable to repair said building, and make it safe and fit for market purposes, and that the entire building should be taken down, to the bottom of the foundation, and rebuilt. The condition of Fulton Market was not, as I am informed, materially different when these reports of the Health and Building Departments were made from what it was when the charter of 1873 was passed, and I think we may fairly assume these facts were known to the Legislature, and it does not seem to me probable that it could have been the intention of that body, while giving the power to sell or lease market property, to compel the retention of these old buildings."

Mr. Whitney, in conclusion, gives it as his opinion that the City has power to execute a lease, providing that the present building be removed and another erected in its stead, to be used as and for the purpose of a public market, and that it is not necessary that the lease should provide for the maintenance of the present building as a part of the market property."

After the communication was read, Controller Kelly said the matter should be acted upon at once, because the market had been condemned.

Mayor Cooper replied that he agreed with the Controller, but if the board were in favor of the City erecting a new market, they had no money that could be used for the purpose. They might, however, make an appropriation in the estimate for next year.

Recorder Smyth thought the question was a very important one, and should be carefully considered.

The matter was then referred to a committee consisting of the Mayor, the Controller, and Alderman Keenan.

A resolution was then adopted authorizing the Controller to redeem $537,728 48 of City bonds, which will fall due on May 1 and May 23, respectively, out of the sinking fund for the redemption of the City debt.

A HOTEL-THIEF ARRESTED.

AN EXPERT IN THE BUSINESS CONFESSES HIS GUILT.

Chief Detective Byrnes lately received complaints from the managers of the Park-Avenue, the Albion, the Brevoort, the Gilsey House, and other leading hotels, that a sneak-thief had been robbing their guests. The thief gained access to rooms with skeleton keys, and carried off valuables in a satchel. Detectives King and Lyon were detailed on the case, and yesterday, while on watch in front of a pawn-shop, at Broome and Delaneey streets, they saw a well-dressed young fellow pass, as if about to enter the pawn-shop. They recognized him as Daniel Moylan, whose appearance tallied with the description of the sneak-thief who had been robbing the hotel guests, and whom they knew as a thief who was discharged from the Penitentiary on March 19. They arrested him, when he confessed his guilt, and told them where he had pledged stolen property valued at about $1,200. They recovered most of it and yesterday took the prisoner to the Essex Market Police Court. Here two complaints were made against him by Mr. M. Furman Hunt, of No. 11 Fifth-avenue, and Mrs. E. A. Russell, of the Park-Avenue Hotel, whom he had robbed of jewelry and other property aggregating several hundred dollars in value. The prisoner, who is said to be well connected, gave his name as Frank Thomas, of No. 72 East Fifth-street. He said he was a clerk, but admitted that Thomas was not his real name. This he suppressed, he said, because he did not want to disgrace his family. He declared a willingness to serve two years or more for his thefts, but said he did not wish to be sent to any reformatory institution. Having admitted his guilt, he was held in $2,000 bail for trial and sent to Police Head-quarters, where his photograph was taken for the Rogues' Gallery. The Police regard him as an expert in sneak-thievery. His term in the Penitentiary was served for robbing the change-boxes on steamboats, a feat which he accomplished many times before he was caught.

ONE AND A HALF MILLIONS PURCHASED.

Sub-Treasurer Hillhouse received 13 offers of bonds for the sinking fund, aggregating $5,250,200, yesterday. Secretary Sherman accepted only $1,500,000, as follows:

Vermilye & Co.—$7,000 sixes of 1880 at 104.12, $170,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.99.

Clark & Porter—$51,700 sixes of 1881 at 105.93.

Fisk & Hatch—$250,000 fives of 1881 at 102.69.

W. T. Hatch & Sons—$100,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.50, $100,000 fives of 1881 at 103.76.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.—$13,000 sixes of 1880 at 104.05, $287,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.38.

Equitable Life Insurance Company—$50,000 fives of 1881 at 103.50.

Edward Sweet & Co.—$30,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.99, $40,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.96, $61,800 fives of 1881 at 103.71½.

Archer & Shewmaker—$35,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.92, $50,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.92.

Kidder, Lock & Co.—$250,000 fives of 1881 at 103.97.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.—$95,000 sixes of 1881 at 105.97.

Total—$700,700 sixes of 1881, $50,000 sixes of 1880, and $711,500 fives of 1881.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

Annie Petern, aged 3 years, of No. 421 West Forty-ninth-street, was run over by a truck yesterday in front of her residence, and was instantly killed.

The thirteenth annual reunion of Cameron Post, No. 79, G. A. R., will be held in Tarn Hall, No. 62 East Fourth-street, on Monday evening, April 12.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Manor Mission Sunday-school, No. 130, will be observed at the chapel, No. 348 West Twenty-ninth-street, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

An old brick area wall fell last night in an excavation at No. 425 West Fifteenth-street, and Joseph Krohn, aged 14, of No. 412 West Fifteenth-street, who was playing near it, was killed.

Benjamin C. Wetmore, son of the late William C. Wetmore, Park Commissioner, was yesterday appointed by Surrogate Calvin Administrator of the estate of the decedent. The personal estate is estimated at $200,000.

Last night Inspector McDermott, at the request of friends of George Fuller, who reported his disappearance from No. 215 West Forty-second-street on Tuesday night, sent out a general alarm to all stations describing him.

The Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange yesterday declared the membership of James F. Timberlake at an end for continued non-payment of dues, and ordered that his seat be sold at public auction on Saturday, the 17th inst.

Forty-three candidates for Inspectorships, and 99 for the position of night watchman, composed under the civil service rules in the Custom-house yesterday. Collector John I. Thomas, of Boston, was present during the examinations.

The twelfth anniversary of the Society of the Presbyterian Hospital will be held in the hospital, Seventieth-street, east of Madison-avenue, this afternoon at 3:30. Dr. Howard Crosby and Judge Noah Davis will deliver addresses, and the hospital will be open for inspection.

The Importers' and Grocers' Board of Trade yesterday appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. D. M. Turnure and James A. Hewlett were also appointed a committee to draft resolutions in regard to the proposed new bankrupt law.

Coroner Herrman yesterday commenced the inquest in the case of Charles Berry, the colored mess-boy, who lost his life by the burning of the Police-boat Seneca, at the foot of Seventeenth-street, East River, on the morning of the 30th ult. The testimony threw no light on the origin of the fire.

A lecture on "The First Three Masonic Degrees and their Symbolic Significance" will be delivered before the members of Daniel Carpenter Lodge of Masons, in the Decker Building, No. 33 Union-square, this evening, by Right Worshipful J. Edward Simmons, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge.

Thomas Frost, a boatman, living at No. 528 Greenwich-street, was arrested on the 25th ult. for stealing a quantity of ropes and blocks from a schooner lying in the North River. In General Sessions, yesterday, Frost pleaded guilty, and Recorder Smith sentenced him to three years in State Prison.

Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Baltimore, Md., the Southern manager of the Adams Express Company, sailed yesterday for Europe on the Cunard steamer Scythia. Mr. Shoemaker was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Miriam Shoemaker. A large number of friends were on the steamer to see them off.

Thomas Enright pleaded guilty, in the General Sessions, yesterday, of stealing 80 cases' worth of canned goods, refusing to go to trial because, as he declared, his general character was so bad that he would probably be convicted anyway. He had already made three visits to the State Prison. Judge Cowing sentenced him to three years more in the same institution.

Rufus Paton, one of the leaders of the Southern refugees now in this City, was taken sick last Thursday, and on Sunday was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, where he died yesterday afternoon. The funeral will take place on Friday at 12 M., from No. 121 West 127th-street. He leaves a widow and six children. The Committee on Relief will defray the funeral expenses.

The members of the new Mining Exchange assembled yesterday for the first time. It was intended to elect officers and appoint standing committees, but, in response to a request from those who hold memberships in the Stock Exchange, an adjournment was taken without action until Monday, for the purpose of endeavoring in the meantime to come to some amicable understanding with the latter body, which shall enable persons to hold memberships in both institutions.

The name of T. Wilbur Burd has been ordered to be stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors at law of this State. This order was made yesterday by the General Term of the Supreme Court, which holds that Burd has been guilty of fraud and deception toward one of his clients. The charge against him was that, having received $1,070 to pay toward the satisfaction of a mortgage, he paid $70 as interest on the mortgage and converted the remainder of the money to his own use.

Hinson & Cumming, of No. 113 Water-street, notified the Cotton Exchange yesterday of their inability to meet their engagements. They are liable on 5,000 bales, but the amount cannot be determined until the settling prices are made up to-day. The firm attribute their troubles to the break in the markets and to the failure of their customers to make up their margins. They express a hope of being able to resume in a few days. On the Exchange, it was charged that they have been overtrading on the bull side of the market.

The Board of Education yesterday appropriated $12,500 for a primary school at No. 102 Henry-street. On motion of Commissioner Wickham, it was decided that the vacation of one week in the Normal College, which usually begins on April 29, should begin this year on Monday, April 24. President Walker introduced to the board the Rev. J. E. Wickham, who he said, had long been interested in educational interests in the State of Vermont. Mr. Wickham is an uncle of ex-Mayor Wickham, and is the oldest living graduate of Yale College. He is 83 years old.

George G. Randolph, who attempted to kill William Simpson, the pawnbroker, was again arraigned before Justice Bixby, in the Tombs Police Court, yesterday. A medical certificate was received stating that Simpson's injuries were not dangerous, although sufficiently painful to prevent him from appearing in court. He was present. In Randolph's formal examination was then taken, and he pleaded not guilty to a charge of felonious assault. His bail was fixed at $10,000, and the papers in the case were transmitted to District Attorney Phelps.

While a number of workmen were engaged, yesterday afternoon, in blasting rocks in Seventy-second-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, a blast prematurely exploded. Denis Lovett, aged 45, living in East Sixty-third-street, who was supplying the charge at the time, had both his arms blown off, and was terribly injured about the head and upper part of the body. He was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital, where he died soon after admission. Jeremiah Murphy, aged 45, of Sixteenth-street and First-avenue, was slightly injured at the same time. Coroner Knox will hold an inquest in the case of Lyons.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Commandery of the Military Order Loyal Legion, was held at Delmonico's last evening. The business consisted of an election and a dinner, both events passing off in the happiest manner possible. Gen. John M. Schofield presided at the dinner last night, to which about 40 members sat down. The following gentlemen were elected members of the first class: Brevet Lieut.-Col. Charles E. Winne, Captain and Assistant Surgeon, United States Army; Brevet Col. Stephen P. Cortlan, late Captain Fourth New-York Heavy Artillery; Brevet Brig.-Gen. Francis E. Pinto, late Colonel Thirty-second New-York Volunteers.

BROOKLYN.

Herbert B. Turner, of New-York, will this evening deliver a free lecture before the "Fallows Union," at the Church of the Incarnation, corner Gates-avenue and Irving-place. Subject: "Ignatius Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits."

Mary and William Worton, the gypsies charged with defrauding William Jessup, of Princetown, Ind., out of $2,500, were turned over to officers from that State yesterday, who were armed with a requisition. The officers started for the West with their prisoners in the afternoon.

The Bond-street sewer, which at present empties into the Gowanus Canal, creating a nuisance, is to be extended a mile, so as to connect with the Wolcott-street sewer. The cost of the extension, specifications for which were approved yesterday by the Board of City Works, will be about $100,000.

Drs. McCullom, Leighton, and Atwood met at the office of the Board of Surgeons, in the basement of the City Hall, yesterday, for the purpose of examining applicants for pensions from the Federal Government. About 30 disabled soldiers presented themselves, some applying for arrears of pension under the new law, and others for increase of pension.

The Board of Health directed the Registrar of Vital Statistics not to grant burial permits to Charles Nesson, of No. 196 Franklin-avenue, on the ground that he had knowingly and in defiance of sheet orders violated the rules of the board in reference to burying persons who had died of contagious disease. Yesterday, Nesson, through counsel, applied to Judge Gilbert for a mandamus compelling the Board of Health to grant him permits. Decision reserved.

A delegation of property-owners waited on the Mayor yesterday to protest against the change in the route of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad from Plymouth to Water-street, as authorized by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor said he would not approve any resolution giving any elevated road a right to build in any street unless it first agreed to properly compensate the property-owners.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Sheriff James G. Courter, of Westchester County, who resides about midway between Yonkers and Tuckahoe, is lying dangerously ill at his residence. He has been confined to his house for several weeks.

The elegant residence of the late George Merritt, of Tarrytown, has been purchased by Jay Gould, as a Summer residence, for $275,000. The house is built of white marble, and the grounds comprise upward of 200 acres of land.

NEW-JERSEY.

The New-Jersey Court of Pardons has pardoned ex-Director at Large David C. Haines, of Hudson County. He had been convicted of having, as presiding officer of the Board of Freeholders, signed $225,000 of county bonds for the purchase of the new Court-house site.

The Very Rev. Father Doane, of Newark, yesterday received from Rome the Papal brief investing him with the title and dignity of Monsignor. It is in Italian. There are only two such briefs in this country—the Rev. Mgr. Seton, of Jersey City, holds the other.

The trial of Leggett and Leeds for conspiracy, in Elizabeth, cost the county $6,700. The item for Grand jury dinners reaches the sum of $650. The costs of court, which Leggett will be obliged to pay, is $670; those of Leeds amount to $350. The State proposes to bring suit against Leggett's estate to recover the fine and the costs.

The Grand Jury sworn in Judge Knapp's court, on Jersey City Heights, on Tuesday, yesterday presented a number of bills to the court. Among them were two against Dr. Brooks, of Magnolia-avenue, who had been arrested on two charges of malpractice. Dr. Brooks has disappeared, and his bonds were declared forfeited yesterday.

The decision of the New-Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals to the effect that the habitual sale of liquors on sundays makes, in law, a disorderly house, has aroused the liquor-dealers of the State to action. They have concluded to make a concerted attempt to secure the election this Fall of a Legislature that will abolish the Sunday laws, or so modify them as to render them valueless. To this end, the State Executive Committee, met in Trenton on Tuesday night, and organized for the campaign. They propose to establish branches throughout the State.

THE DOCK COMMISSIONERS.

The Dock Commissioners received a communication yesterday from W. L. Chamberlain and George A. Phelps, counsel for a number of property-owners, who claim the right to collect wharfage on the bulkheads on the west line of West-street, north of Beach-street, complaining that deposits were being made by the department in their slips, for which they should hold the City responsible. The Vermont Central Railroad Company made an application for a lease on Pier No. 37 East River for five years, with permission to erect sheds thereon. A complaint was received from the Citizens' Line of Steamships that their pier—No. 41 North River—was in a dangerous condition, and needed immediate repairs. A communication was received from the Twenty-third-Street Ferry Railroad Company, asking that the slip under the ferry-house at West Twenty-third-street be dredged, as the sewer, which was condemned by the Board of Health some time ago and was repaired, was again becoming a nuisance. A letter was received from Mr. Silas B. Dutcher, State Superintendent of Public Works, calling the attention of the department to a law which requires steamboats to "tie up" along the East River from the east side of Pier No. 21 to the west side of Pier No. 10, from March 20 to Dec. 31. He complains that the deposit in the